TATA STEEL INDIA 2024

A Kitty Kat Book

C88

□ **Narayanan,SL.** **2647**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
Tata Steel India Rapid (1) 13.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C88: Closed Ruy Lopez: Anti-Marshall Systems The match had been very tense. Many people including me expected Magnus to be a clear favourite, but Sergey and his team prepared excellently. The tie-break was eagerly awaited by the chess world. **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1**

[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Nb8 *(9...Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Ra7* 1-0 Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)*)* 10.Ne2 c5 11.Ng3 Nc6 12.c3 Rb8 13.h3 a5 14.a4 b4 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bc4 h6 17.Be3 Qc8 18.Qe2 Rd8 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.d4 bxc3 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2772)-Carlsen,M (2853) World-ch Carlsen-Karjakin Tiebreak New York rapid 2016 (1)]

6...b5 7.Bb3 0-0N

[7...d6 8.d4 Nxd4 9.Nxd4 exd4 10.c3 dxc3 11.Nxc3 0-0 12.a4 Bb7 13.axb5 axb5 14.Rxa8 Bxa8 15.Bg5 b4 A8) RL – 8th Move Alternati-8th Move Alternatives – 8.]

8.a4 b4 9.d3 d6 10.Nbd2 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Nc4 Nc6 The position is equal. **13.h3 h6 14.c3 Be6 15.Ne3 Bxa2 16.Rxa2 d5 17.Nf5 Re8**

[17...dxe4 seems wilder. 18.Bxh6 Qd7 19.Bxg7 Qxf5 20.dxe4 Qe6]

18.Bd2 Bf8 19.Ra1 bxc3 20.Bxc3 -1.13/20

[⌓20.bxc3 -0.76/23 c4 21.exd5 Qxd5 22.dxc4 Qxc4 23.Qe2 Qxe2 24.Rxe2]

20...Qd7 21.b3 -1.17/21

[⌓21.exd5 -0.78/19 Nxd5 22.Ne3]

21...Rab8∓ 22.Ng3 d4 23.Bd2 Qe6 24.Rb1 Rb7 25.Ne2 Reb8 26.Nc1 Be7 27.Qc2 Nd7 28.Rf1 Bd8 29.Be1 g6 30.Ra1 Kg7 31.Bd2 f5 32.a5 f4 33.Qc4 Qxc4 34.dxc4 g5 35.g4 Nf6 36.Re1 Bc7 37.Kg2 Kg6 38.Nh2 h5 39.gxh5+ Kxh5 40.f3 Kg6 41.Ng4 Nxg4 -0.16/25

[Better is 41...Bd6∓ -0.91/20 42.Nf2 Nd7]

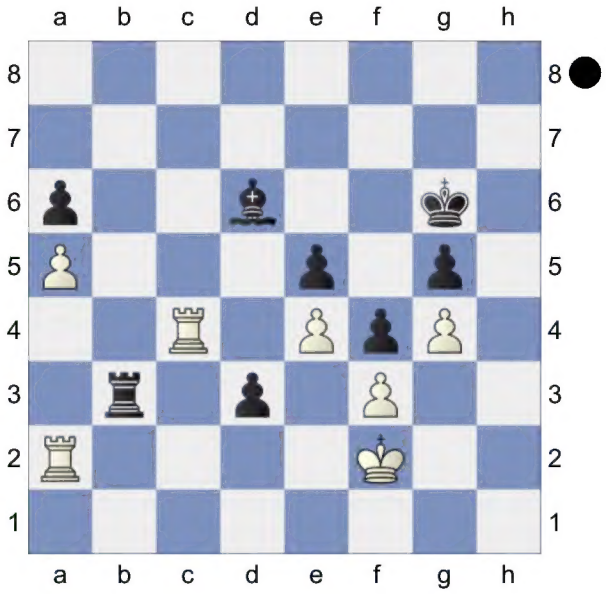
42.hxg4= d3 43.Bc3 Nd4 44.Ra2 Nc2

[44...Nxb3 45.Nxd3 Rd8 46.Rd1= *(46.Nxe5+ Bxe5 47.Bxe5 Rd3∓)*]

45.Rh1 Ne3+ 0.00/33

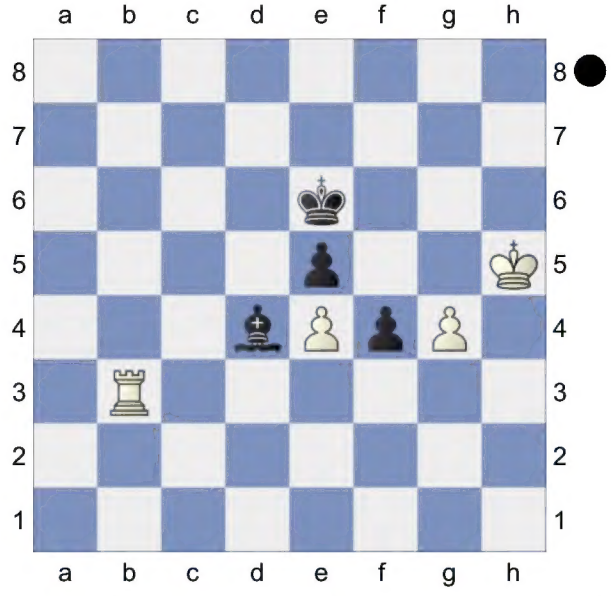
[Black should play 45...Rd8∓ -0.56/22 46.Bd2 Nd4]

46.Kf2 Rxb3 47.Nxb3 Rxb3 48.Bd2 Nxc4 49.Rc1! Nxd2 50.Rxc5 Bd6 51.Rc6 Nc4 52.Rxc4



Endgame. Threatens to win with Rc4-c6. KRR-KRB **52...Bb4 53.Rc6+ Kf7**

54.Ra1 Dodges Rb3-b1 **54...d2 55.Rh1** Hoping for Rh1-h7+. **55...Bxa5?** 4.16/23
[55...Rd3= 0.00/28 56.Rc7+ Ke8 57.Rh8+ Bf8 58.Rc8+ Kd7 59.Rhxf8 d1Q *(59...d1B 60.Rfd8+* Skewer *Ke7 61.Rxd3 Ba4 62.Rc7+ Ke6 63.Rb7 Be8 64.Rdb3)* 60.Rfd8+ Ke6 61.Re8+ Kd6 62.Red8+ Ke7 63.Re8+ Kf6 64.Rf8+ Ke7 65.Rfe8+ Kf6 66.Rf8+ Kg7 67.Rg8+ Kh7 68.Rh8+ Kg6 69.Rhg8+ Kf7 70.Rgf8+ Kg7 71.Rg8+ Kh6 72.Rh8+ Kg6 73.Rhg8+ Kh7 74.Rh8+ Kg7 75.Rhg8+]
56.Rh7++- Kg8 57.Rd7 Rb8 Prevents Rc6-c8+ **58.Ke2**
[But not 58.Rxa6 Bb4 59.Ke2 Kf8]
58...Bb4 59.Rxa6 Rc8 60.Rb6 Bc3 61.Rbd6 Rc4 62.Ra6 Rc8 Prevents Ra6-a8. **63.Rb7 Rd8 64.Kd1 Kh8 65.Rc6 Ba1 66.Rc2 Bd4 67.Rxd2 Ra8 68.Rc2 Kg8 69.Ke2 Kf8 70.Kd3 Ra3+ 71.Kc4 Rxf3 72.Kd5 Rc3 73.Rxc3 Bxc3** KR-KB **74.Ke6 Bd4 75.Rb3 Kg7 76.Kf5 Kf7 77.Kxg5 Ke6 78.Kh5**



Threatening mate with g4-g5. **78...Be3 79.g5 Bc5 80.g6** White wants to mate with g6-g7. **80...Kf6 81.Kh6** 38.51/20
[⌓81.Rb7 #22/30 Be7 82.g7 Decoy Kxg7 83.Rxe7+ Kf6 84.Re8 Kf7 85.Rxe5 Kf6 86.Rf5+ Ke6 87.Kg4 *(87.Rxf4 Ke7 88.Kg5 Ke6 89.Rf5 Kd7 90.Kf6 Kd6 91.e5+ Kd5)*]
81...Bf8+ White is clearly winning. **82.Kh7** Rb3-b8 would kill now. **82...Kg5 83.Rb8 Bh6 84.Rb7** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.09 (flawless) /Black=0.31
1-0

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□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
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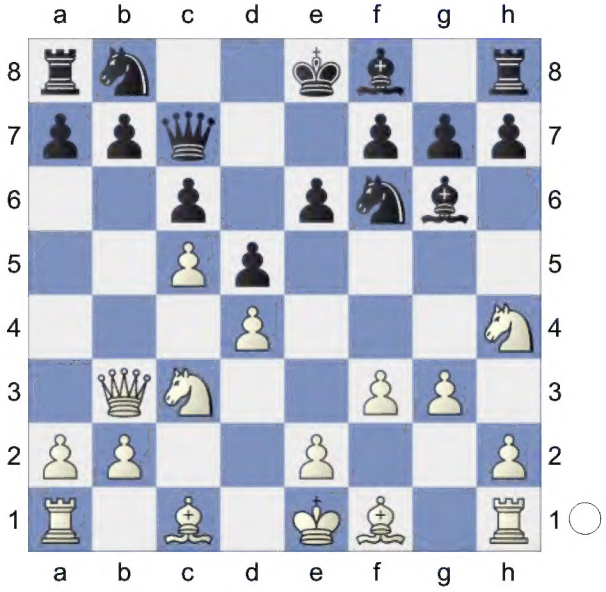
D11: Slav Defence: 3 Nf3 sidelines and 3...Nf6 4 e3 Bg4 **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 c6N**
[3...c5 4.Bg2 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nb3 Be6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Nc3 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Qb6 12.c3 f5 13.Ned2 0-0 14.cxd4 Nxd4 15.e3 Nxb3 16.Nxb3 Bc4 17.Qf3 Bxf1 18.Rxf1 ½-½ 10.♗e2 ♗e6 11.0-0 (2426)-Bisguer,A (2278) Wichern op 5th Hamburgo 1999 (6.2)]
[3...g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 *(7...cxd4 8.Nxd4 Re8 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 bxc6* 28) 1.d4 d5 - Remaining Nonse-3.g3 & 6.b3*)* 8.c3 Nc6 9.e3 Bg4 10.h3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Bf5 12.Nfd2 Nf6 13.Nc3 Nb4 14.Nf3 Nd3 15.Ba3 Rc8 16.Ne2 Be4 17.Nh2 Bh6 18.Qd2 0-1 Anand,V (2795)-Comp Rebel10 game-2 8 game match 1998]
[3...Bf5 4.Bg2 e6 5.0-0 Be7 6.c4

0-0 7.Nbd2 c6 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 h6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nd7 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Bxe4 Qc7 16.Qg4 Rad8 17.Rad1 Bb4 18.Re2 1-0 Nielsen,V (2210)-9. cd5 b6 10.b4 ♘a4 125/114 2015 (11)]

4.c4 Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Threatens to win with Nh4xf5. **6...Be4 7.f3 Bg6 8.Qb3** White has an edge. **8...Qb6 9.c5 Qc7** 0.95/23

[9...Qxb3= 0.27/23 remains equal. 10.axb3 Bc2]



10.e4! Nbd7

[10...Qc8 11.Bf4]

11.Bf4 Qc8 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.Bb5 aiming for Ra1-c1. **14...a6 15.Ba4** White has more active pieces. The black rooks are passive. **15...Be7 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.0-0 0-0 18.Qd3 Nb8 19.b4 Nc6 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.a4 g5 22.Bd2 Qd7 23.Kg2 g6** 1.06/19

[Black should play 23...Bf6± 0.54/25]

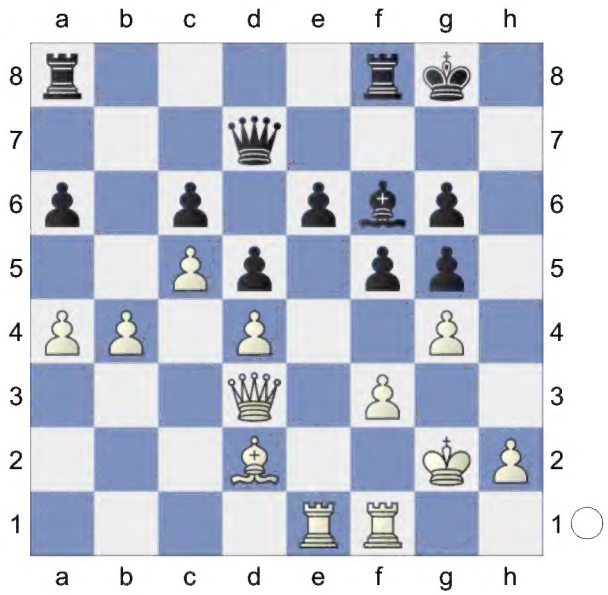
24.g4 0.53/22

[Better is 24.h3± 1.06/19]

24...f5 1.19/21

[24...Bf6± 0.53/22]

25.Rae1 Bf6



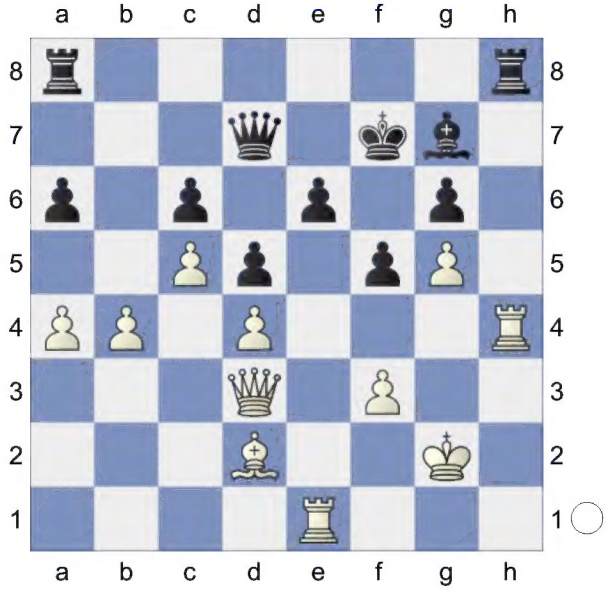
26.h4 0.66/20 **gxh4± 27.g5 Bg7** 1.45/22

[⌓27...Qc7 0.78/22]

28.Rh1 Kf7 1.89/21

[28...Rfe8± 1.27/20]

29.Rxh4+- Rh8

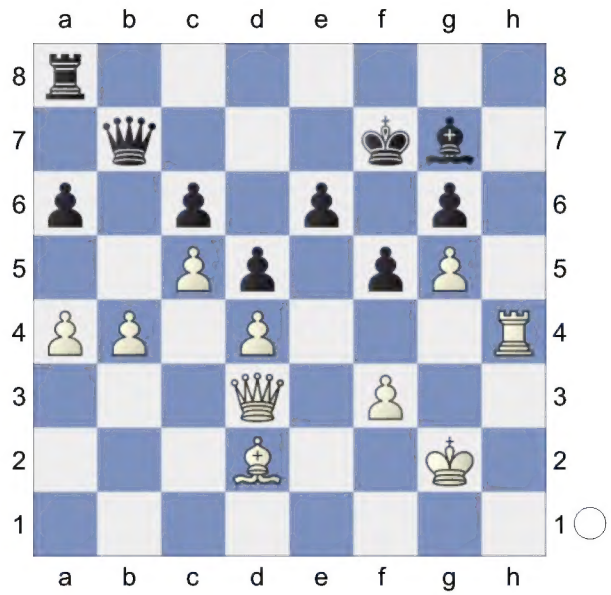


30.Reh1 0.67/28

[30.Rxh8!+- 1.93/27 Rxh8 31.Bf4]

30...Rxh4 31.Rxh4 Qb7

(Diagram)



Black is weak on the dark squares **32.Rh7** 0.18/21
[32.Qc3!± 1.08/25]
32...Rh8= 33.Rxh8 Bxh8 Endgame. KQB-KQB **34.Kf1 e5 35.dxe5 Bxe5 36.Ke2 Kg8** 0.65/23
[36...Bg7= 0.19/27 is more appropriate.]
37.Qe3± Bg7 38.Qe8+ Kh7 39.Kd3 Qc7! 40.Bc3 Bc3xg7 is the strong threat. **40...Qf4** The position is equal. **41.Bxg7**
[41.Qxc6 Qxf3+ 42.Kc2 Qxc3+ *(42...Bxc3? 43.Qxa6 Be5 44.Qd3-+)* 43.Kd1 Qb3+ *(43...Qxb4? 44.Qxa6 Qg4+ 45.Qe2-+)* 44.Kd2 Bc3+ *(44...Qxb4+ 45.Ke2 Qc4+ 46.Kd1 Qb3+ 47.Kc1 Bb2+ 48.Kd2 Bc3+ 49.Ke3 Be5+ 50.Kd2 Bf4+ 51.Ke2 Qe3+ 52.Kf1 Qd3+ 53.Kg1 Be3+ 54.Kg2 Qe2+ 55.Kg3 f4+ 56.Kh3 Qf1+ 57.Kh4 Qh1+ 58.Kg4 Qh5#)* 45.Ke3 Be5+ *(45...Qxb4? 46.Qxd5 Bb2 47.Qd7+ Bg7 48.c6-+)* 46.Kd2 Qc3+ *(46...Qxb4+ 47.Kd1 Qg4+ 48.Kd2 Qg2+ 49.Kd1 Qf1+ 50.Kc2 Qe2+ 51.Kc1 Bf4+ 52.Kb1 Qd1+ 53.Ka2 Qc2+ 54.Ka3 Bc1+ 55.Kb4 Qd2+ 56.Kb3 Qb2#)* 47.Kd1 Qd3+ *(47...Qxb4? 48.Qxa6 Qd4+ 49.Ke1-+)* 48.Kc1 Bf4+ 49.Kb2 Qe2+ *(49...Bxg5 50.Qc7+ Kg8 51.Qc8+ Kf7 52.Qb7+ Ke6 53.Qb6+ Ke5 54.Qd6+ Kd4 55.Qh2-+)* 50.Kb1 Qd1+ *(50...Bxg5? 51.Qxd5 Qe1+ 52.Ka2-+)* 51.Kb2 Be5+ *(51...Bxg5? 52.Qc7+ Kg8 53.Qc8+ Kf7 54.Qd7+ Be7 55.c6-+)* 52.Ka2 Qe2+ 53.Kb3 Qb2#]
41...Qxf3+ 42.Kc2 Kxg7= KQ-KQ **43.Qe7+ Kg8 44.Qe8+ Kg7 45.Qe7+ Kg8 46.Qe6+ Kg7 47.Qf6+** Overworked Piece **47...Kg8 48.Qxg6+ Kf8 49.Qd6+ Kg8 50.Qe6+ Kg7 51.b5 cxb5 52.axb5 Qf2+ 53.Kd3 Qxc5 54.Qd7+ Kg8**
[Inferior is 54...Kg6 55.Qc6+ *(55.bxa6 Qa3+ 56.Kd2 Qb4+ 57.Ke2 Qe4+ 58.Kf2 Qf4+ 59.Kg1 Qg3+ 60.Kh1 Qh3+ 61.Kg1 Qg3+ 62.Kh1 Qf3+ 63.Kg1 Qg3+=)* 55...Qxc6 56.bxc6 Kxg5 57.c7 a5 58.Kd4 *(58.c8B a4=; 58.c8Q Kg4 59.Ke3 d4+ 60.Kxd4 Kg5 61.Ke5 Kg4 62.Qxf5+ Kg3)* 58...Kg4 59.c8Q *(59.c8B a4=)*]
55.Qd8+ Kh7 56.Qd7+ Kg8
[Stronger than 56...Kg6 57.Qc6+ *(57.bxa6 Qa3+ 58.Kd2 Qb2+ 59.Ke3 Qc1+ 60.Kf3 Qf1+ 61.Kg3 Qd3+ 62.Kf4 Qe4+ 63.Kg3 Qd3+ 64.Kf4 Qe4+ 65.Kg3 Qd3+=)* 57...Qxc6 58.bxc6 Kxg5 59.c7 a5 60.c8Q *(60.c8B Kf6=)* 60...Kf4 61.Qc7+ *(61.Qc1+ Kg4 62.Qg1+ Kf4 63.Kd4 Kf3 64.Qf1+ Kg3 65.Qxf5 Kg2)* 61...Kg4 62.Qxa5]
57.Qe6+ Kg7 58.bxa6 Qc4+ 59.Kd2 Qd4+ 60.Ke2 Qg4+ 61.Kf1 Strongly threatening Qe6-e7+. **61...Qf4+ 62.Ke1 Qb4+ 63.Ke2** And now Qe6-h6+ would

win. **63...Qc4+ 64.Kf2** Qe6-f6+ would now be deadly. **64...Qf4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) / Black=0.09 (flawless)
½-½

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□ **So,W.** **2747**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2739**
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C54: Giuoco Piano: 4 c3 Nf6, main lines with 5 d4 and 5 d3 **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3N**
[6.a4 a6 7.Be3 Bxe3 8.fxe3 0-0 9.Qe1 Ne7 10.Nh4 Be6 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.Qg3 Bxc4 13.Nxc4 Qg4 14.Qe1 Qe6 15.b3 g6 16.a5 Kg7 17.Nf3 h6 18.Nh4 Neg8 19.h3 Rae8 20.Qb4 Qc8 ½-½ Sevian,S (2698)-Lazavik,D (2553) Aimchess Rapid Div 2 W Chess.com INT 2023 (6.2)]
[6.h3 h6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Na4 Bb6 9.Nxb6 axb6 10.Bd2 Ne7 11.Nh4 Be6 12.Bb3 Bxb3 13.axb3 Qd7 14.Qf3 Ng6 15.Rxa8 Rxa8 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Bxh6 gxh6 18.Qxf6 Qf7 19.Qxf7+ Kxf7 20.f4 exf4 ½-½ Causil Pastrana,X (1564)-Martinez Serna,M (1621) Juegos Univers 31st (Women) op Pereira 2024 (4)]
[6.Nc3 a6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.Bxd5 0-0 9.h3 Ne7 10.Bb3 Ng6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Ba7 13.Re1 Bd7 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bc6 17.Rad1 Qf6 18.Qc2 Rfe8 19.Bd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 e4 0-1 Orfila,A (1890)-Sprott,G (2110) 145/77 Biel 2020 (3)]
[6.Bg5 h6 7.Bh4 g5 8.Bg3 h5 9.h4 Bg4 10.c3 Qd7 11.d4 exd4 12.e5 dxe5 13.Bxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qf5 15.Nxg4 hxg4 16.Bd3 Qd5 17.b4 0-0-0 18.c4 Qc6 19.bxc5 Rxh4 20.f3 Rdh8 9 Part Chapter-Games Part 5 Chapter 2 Game]
6...0-0 7.Re1 Bb6 8.h3 Prevents Nf6-g4 **8...h6 9.Nbd2 Ne7** White has an edge. **10.a4 a5 11.Ba2 c6 12.d4 Ng6 13.Qc2 Re8 14.Nf1 Be6 15.Bxe6 Rxe6 16.Ng3 Qc7 17.Be3 Rae8 18.Rad1 d5 19.dxe5 Nxe4 20.Bxb6 Qxb6 21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Rxe4 Qc7 23.Rde1** With the idea Re1-e3. **23...Nxe5 24.Nd4 R6e7 25.Nf5 Re6 26.Qd1 Qd7 27.Nd4** 0.00/26
[27.b3± 0.36/22]
27...R6e7= 28.Nb3 Hoping for Qd1xd7. **28...Qc7 29.R1e3 b6 30.Nd4 Ng6 31.Qf3** Re4xe7 would now be deadly. **31...Rxe4 32.Rxe4 Rxe4 33.Qxe4** Endgame. KQN-KQN **33...Ne7 34.b4 Qd6 35.bxa5 bxa5 36.g3 g6 37.Kg2 Nd5 38.c4 Nf6 39.Qe3 Qc5 40.Qd3 Qd6** And now ...c6-c5 would win. **41.Qc3 Ne4 42.Qe3 f5 43.Nb3 Qb4 44.Qd3 Qxa4 45.Qd8+ Kf7 46.Qc7+ Kf8 47.Nxa5 Qc2?** 1.79/28
[47...c5= 0.00/30]
48.Qb8++-
[48.Qxc6? Qxf2+ 49.Kh1 Nxg3#]
48...Kf7 49.Qa7+
[49.Nxc6 Qxf2+ 50.Kh1 Nxg3+]
49...Ke6 50.Nxc6 Qxc4 51.Qe7+ Kd5 52.Qd7+ Kc5 ...Qc4-e2 is the strong threat. **53.Ne5** 0.16/27
[White should play 53.Ne7± 1.13/21]
53...Qe2? 4.10/21 Black is on the road to losing.
[53...Qd5= 0.16/27 54.Qxd5+ Kxd5 55.Nxg6 Ke6 56.Nf4+ Kf6]
54.Qc6+
[54.Nxg6? Qxf2+ 55.Kh1 Nxg3#]
54...Kb4 55.Qb6+

[55.Qxg6 Qxf2+ *(55...Nxf2 56.Qd6+ Kb3 57.Qb6+ Kc3 58.Qc5+ Kb3 59.Qd5+ Kc3 60.Qf3+ Qxf3+ 61.Nxf3±)* 56.Kh1 Nxg3+]

55...Kc3 56.Nxg6 Nd2 57.Qa5+ Kc2 (→ ...Qe2-f1+) **58.Qxf5+ Kd1 59.Ne5 h5** 5.17/19

[⌓59...Qf1+ 3.59/18 60.Kh2 Qb5 61.Qg4+ Kc1]

60.h4 Qf1+ 61.Kh2 Qe2 62.Nd3? 0.08/31

[Only move: 62.g4!+- 6.34/24]

62...Nf1+? 5.24/25

[62...Nf3+= 0.08/31 and Black stays safe. 63.Kg2 Nd4 64.Nb2+ Deflection Qxb2 65.Qxh5+ Kd2]

63.Kg1 Nd2 64.Kh2? 0.09/27

[64.Qd5+- 4.95/25 Kc2 65.Nf4 *(65.Nb4+ Kc3=)* 65...Nf3+ 66.Kg2 Ne1+ 67.Kh1 Qf1+ 68.Kh2 Qxf2+ 69.Ng2]

64...Nf1+? 5.10/24

[64...Nf3+= 0.09/27 and Black has nothing to worry. 65.Kg2 Nd4 66.Nb2+ Deflection Qxb2 67.Qxh5+ Kc1]

65.Kh3 Black must now prevent Nd3-f4.

65...Nd2 66.Qd5 Qf1+ 67.Kh2 Qe2 68.Kg1 Qf1+ 69.Kh2 Qe2 70.Nf4 Qxf2+ 71.Kh3 Qf1+ 72.Qg2 Qb5 73.Qh1+ Kc2 74.Qd5 Repels Qb5-d7+

74...Qf1+ 75.Qg2 aiming for Qg2xf1!

75...Qb5

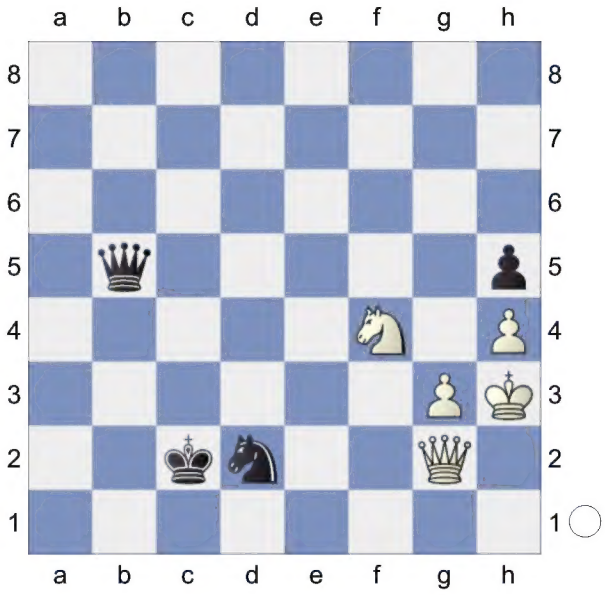
(Diagram)

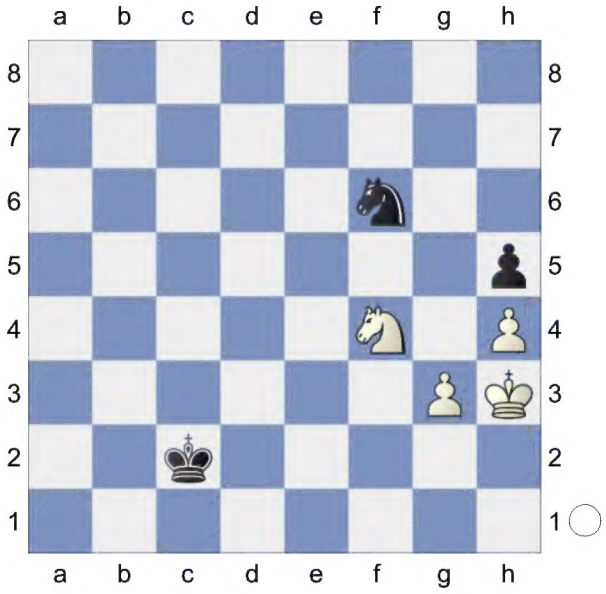
76.Qe2! Qxe2 77.Nxe2 KN-KN

77...Ne4 78.Nf4 Nf6 9.79/29

[⌓78...Kc3 5.19/23 79.Nxh5 Kd4]

(Diagram)





79.Nxh5! Deflection **79...Nxh5** KN-KPP

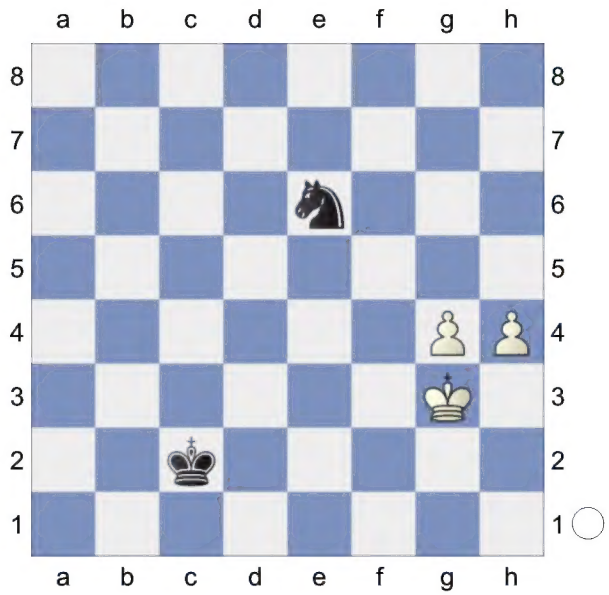
[79...Ne8 80.Kg4]

80.g4 Nf4+ 81.Kg3 Ne6

(Diagram)

82.h5! Kd3 83.h6 Nf8 84.Kf4 Threatening mate with g4-g5. **84...Kd4 85.g5** 22.99/22

[⌓85.Kf5 #51/26 Kc4 86.g5 Nd7 87.g6 *(87.h7 Nb6 88.g6 Nd5 89.g7 Kd4 90.h8Q Ne7+ 91.Kf6 Nd5+ 92.Kg5 Ke5)* 87...Kc5 88.g7 *(88.h7*



Nf8 89.h8Q Nxg6 90.Qc3+ Kd5 91.Kxg6 Ke4 92.Kf6 Kd5) 88...Nb8 89.h7 *(89.g8R Nc6 90.Rc8 Kd5 91.Rxc6 Kxc6 92.h7 Kd6 93.h8Q Kc5)* 89...Nc6 90.h8Q *(90.g8N Nd4+ 91.Kg6 Nf3+-)*]

85...Kd5 86.Kf5 White mates. **86...Kd6 87.g6 Ke7 88.h7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.31 **1-0**

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☐	**Carlsen,M.**	**2831**
■	**Praggnanandhaa,R.**	**2737**
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[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 We had drawn all our games prior to this. In the classical section, I had an advantage in both the games and the rapid of 25+10 was pretty equalish. Zuvor hatten wir alle unsere Partien remis gespielt. In der klassischen Sektion hatte ich in beiden Partien einen Vorteil, und das Schnellschach 25+10 war ziemlich ausgeglichen. **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 d4 5.d3**

[5.0-0 Nc6 6.d3 Bc5 *(6...Be7 7.e3 e5 8.exd4 exd4 9.Na3 0-0 10.Nc2 h6 11.Rb1 a5 12.b3 Bf5 13.a3 Bh7 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Nd7 16.Re1 Bf6 17.b5 Na5 18.Bf4 g5 19.Be5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Re8 21.Nf3* ½-½ Laurent,F (2667)-Marholev,D (2605) Jermuk FIDE GP 2009 (3.1)*)* 7.Nbd2 *(7.Bg5 0-0 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.a3 a5 10.Qa4 Ra6 11.Qc2 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Rab1 Be7 14.c5 a4 15.Rfc1 Ra5 16.b4 axb3 17.Nxb3 Rxa3 18.Nfd2 Ra8 19.Ra1 Rb8 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Nf3 Bf6* 0-1 Donchenko,A (2664)-Keymer,V (2700) ChessKid Cup Play In Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (6)*; 7.Na3 0-0 8.Nc2 a5 9.e3 dxe3 10.Bxe3 Bxe3 11.fxe3 e5 12.d4 Bg4 13.Qd2 Qe7 14.Nh4 Rad8 15.Qf2 Nb4 16.Nxb4 axb4 17.h3 Be6 18.b3 exd4 19.exd4 Qd7 20.Kh2 Qxd4 21.Bxb7 Qe5* 0-1 Levin,G (2352)-Albornoz Cabrera,C (2578) Maia op 6th 2022 (2) *)* 7...0-0 8.Nb3 Be7 9.e3 dxe3 10.Bxe3 Ng4 11.Bc5 Bxc5 12.Nxc5 b6 13.Nd2 Nge5 14.Ncb3 Bb7 15.d4 Ng6 16.Re1 a5 17.Nf3 a4 18.Nc1 a3 19.b3 Qd6 0-1 Nepomniachtchi,I (2779)-Vidit,S (2719) FIDE World Cup Baku 2023 (5.5)]

5...Bb4+N

[5...c5 6.e4 Nc6 7.e5 Nd7 8.Qe2 b6 9.Bf4 Bb7 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Ne4 Ng6 12.h4 Qc7 13.h5 Ngxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.0-0-0 0-0-0 16.h6 Rg8 17.hxg7 Bxg7 18.Rxh7 Rd7 19.Bh1 a6 20.Rxg7 1-0 Supi,L (2572)-Bachmann,A (2599) Iberoamericano Chess24 chess24.com INT blitz 2020 (4.10)]

6.Bd2 a5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Bxb4 The position is equal. **8...axb4 9.a3 0-0 10.Nbd2 bxa3 11.Qb3 Ra6 12.Rxa3 Rb6 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.Rfa1 e5 15.Ra8 h6 16.Ne1 g6 17.b3 Bg4 18.h3 Be6** 0.06/25

[18...Bxe2?! 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Rxf8+ Kxf8 *(20...Qxf8? 21.Bxe4 Bh5 22.Bxc6+-)* 21.Bxe4±]

[18...Nb4∓ -0.31/21 was preferrable. 19.Qd1 Bd7]

19.Qc1= Kg7 20.Nc2 Nd7 21.Rxf8 Qxf8 22.f4 Nb4 23.Nxb4 Qxb4 24.Nf3 Nc5 25.Qa3 Qxa3

[Reject 25...Nxb3 26.Qxb4 Rxb4 27.Rb1=]

26.Rxa3 exf4 27.gxf4 Nxb3

[27...Rxb3 28.Ra5 *(28.Ra1 Rb6=)* 28...Rb1+ 29.Kh2±]

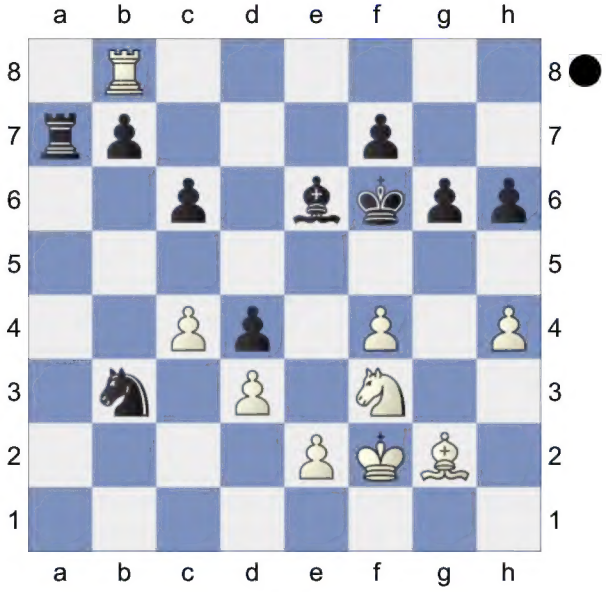
28.Kf2 Kf6 29.h4 c6 30.Ra8 Ra6 31.Rb8 Ra2! 32.Ke1 -2.54/23

[32.Ne5∓ -1.12/26]

32...Ra7? -0.47/20

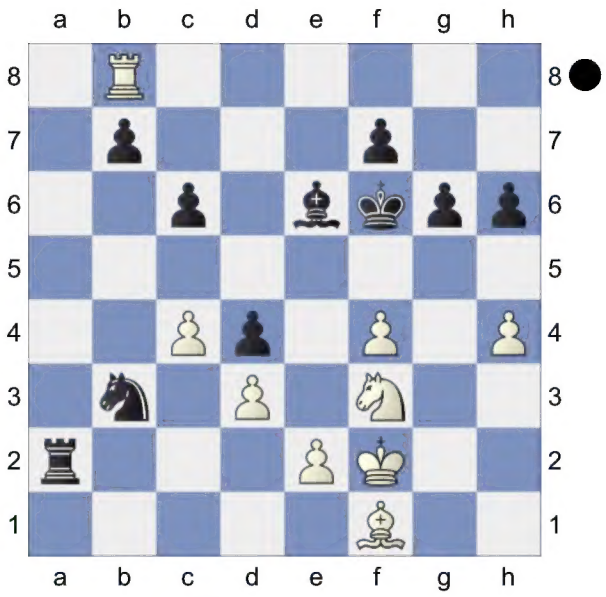
[32...Kf5!-+ -2.54/23 33.Rxb7 Nc5]

33.Kf2∓



Ra2! 34.Bf1 -1.45/24

[⌓34.Ne5 -1.01/22]



34...Ra7 -0.41/20

[Better is 34...Nc1!∓ -1.45/24 35.Nxd4 Nxd3+ 36.Kf3 Nc5 37.Nxe6 fxe6 *(37...Kxe6 38.h5∓)*]

35.Bg2 Ra2 -1.02/24 Weighted Error Value: White=0.13 (very precise) / Black=0.21 (precise)

[Black should play 35...Bf5∓ -0.40/26]

½-½

C00

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**

■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**

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[Kitty Kat]

C00: French: Unusual White 2nd moves Annotations by Wilhelm Steinitz RR: 'Inf 86/(258)' **1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Qe2 Nc6 4.Nf3 dxe4 5.dxe4 e5 6.c3 Nf6 7.Qc2 Bd6 8.Bg5N**

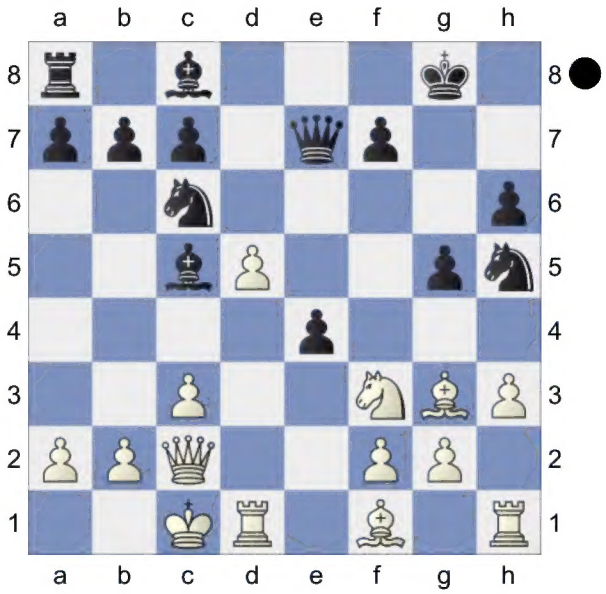
[8.Nbd2 0-0 9.Nc4 h6 *(9...Bg4 10.Be2* 0-1 Bonus Games-7) Mikhail Tschigorin vs. Wil,H Break the Evans Gambit: The Stone-Ware 2023*)* 10.Be2 Rb8 *(10...Qe7 11.Nfd2 a5* Bellini,F (2486)-Villamayor,B (2503)

Bled (ol) 2002) 11.a4 b6 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Re1 Na5 14.Nxd6 cxd6 15.Bf1 Qc7 16.b4 Nc6 17.Ba3 Nd8 18.Nh4 Ne6 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.Bb2 Rbc8 21.c4 g6 22.g3 Ng5 1-0 Zhang,Z (2620)-Speelman,J (2583) (ol) 86/258 Bled 2002]

8...h6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.Nbd2 Qe7 11.Nc4 Rd8 12.h3 g5 13.Bg3 Nh5 14.Ne3 Bc5 0.23/19

[⌓14...Be6 -0.19/22]

15.Nd5= Rxd5 16.exd5 e4! 17.0-0-0!



Threatens to win with Rd1-e1. **17...Nxg3 18.fxg3** Hoping for Rd1-e1. **18...exf3 19.dxc6 f2 20.Bc4 Kg7** Wards off Qc2-g6+ **21.Rhf1** And now Rf1xf2 would win. **21...b5 22.Bd5** 0.00/23

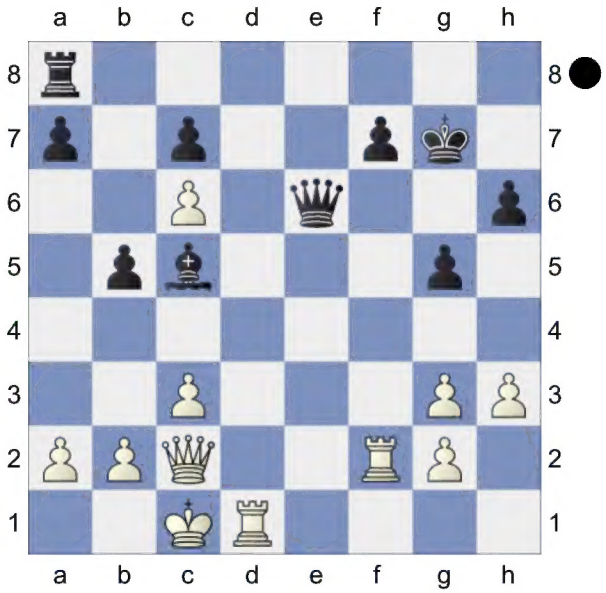
[22.Bxb5± 0.60/20 g4 23.Rd7 *(23.Rxf2? Bxf2 24.Qxf2 Qg5+ 25.Qf4 Qxb5-+)* 23...Bxd7 24.cxd7]

22...Be6 The position is equal. **23.Bxe6 Qxe6 24.Rxf2**

(Diagram)

Rf2-f3 is the strong threat. **24...Be3+**

[24...Bxf2 simplifies 25.Qxf2 Qxc6 26.Qd4+ Qf6]



25.Kb1! Bxf2 26.Qxf2 Strongly threatening Rd1-d7. **26...Qxc6** Endgame. KQR-KQR **27.Qd4+ Qf6 28.Qc5 c6 29.a4 Rd8** Prevents Rd1-d6. **30.Rxd8 Qxd8** KQ-KQ **31.Kc2** Dodges Qd8-d1+ **31...Qa5 32.Qd4+ Kg8 33.axb5 Qxb5 34.b4**

[34.Qxa7 Qe2+ 35.Kb3 Qxg2]

34...Qe2+ 35.Qd2 Qa6 36.Kb3 c5 37.Qd8+ Kg7 38.Qd5 cxb4 39.Qd4+ Kg8 White must now prevent ...Qa6-a3+. **40.cxb4 Qb7 41.Qd8+ Kg7 42.Qd4+ Kg8 43.Qd8+ Kg7 44.Qd4+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.06 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless)

½-½

D37

□ **Narayanan,SL.** **2647**

■ **So,W.** **2747**

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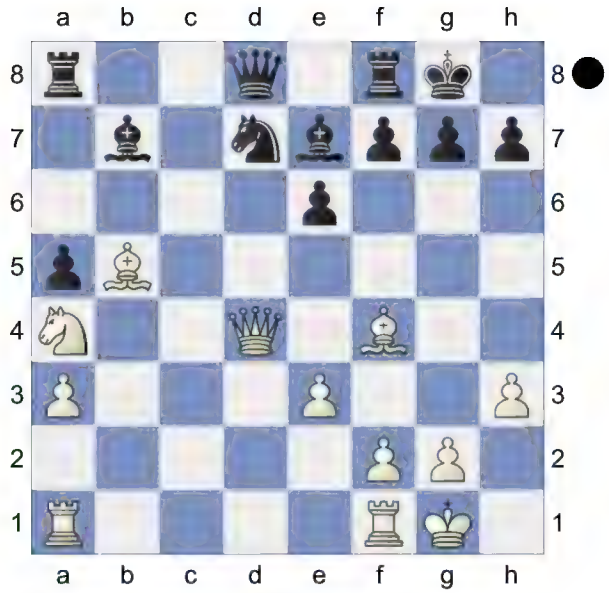
[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4 Petrosian,Arshak: 'Petrosian,Arsh: 'Inf 54/(405)'' **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.a3**

c6 8.h3
[8.Qc2 a6 9.c5 Nh5 10.Bd3 Nxf4 11.exf4 Qc7 12.g3 Kh8 13.h4 h6 14.0-0 b6 15.b4 a5 16.Qe2 Bb7 17.Kg2 Bf6 18.Ne5 axb4 19.axb4 Bxe5 20.fxe5 bxc5 21.bxc5 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Ra8 ½-½ Deac,B (2700)-Andreikin,D (2729) Airthings Masters Div 2 W chess.com INT rapid 2023 (1. 2)]
8...dxc4N
[8...b6 9.cxd5 *(9.Rc1 Bb7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 Re8 12.0-0 Nf8 13.Bg3 a6 14.b4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Qb3 N8d7 17.a4 a5 18.bxa5 Rxa5 19.Ne5 Rea8 20.f4* Arencibia Rodriguez,W (2549)-Ortiz Suarez,I (2352) 102/(42) Cuba 2007*)* 9...Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 c5 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.0-0 Qb6 14.b4 cxb4 15.axb4 Bxb4 16.Nd4 Nc5 17.Bc2 Ba6 18.Rxa6 Qxa6 19.Qb1 Qb6 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Qf5 Ne4 22.Rc1 g6 23.Qg4 1-0 Lputian,S (2560)-Petrosian,A (2470) Dortmund op-A 1992 (5) Be7 24.Nf5 Kxh7 25.Nxe7 Qf6 26.Nxd5 Qf5 27.Qh4+ Qh5 28.Qxh5+ gxh5 29.f3 Nd2 30.Rc6 Rac8 31.Ra6 Rc1+ 32.Kf2 Rc2 33.Kg3 Nf1+ 34.Kh4 Rxg2 35.Nf6+ Kh8 36.Nxh5 Rg6 37.Rxa7 Nd2 38.Be5+ 1-0 Margarido,J (2560)-3.♘f3 e6 4.♘c3 ♘c6 (2470) URS-chT Cup 01st+ Odessa 1952 (5)]
9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 Bb7 White is slightly better. **11.0-0 a5 12.Ne5 b4 13.Na4 c5 14.Nxd7 Nxd7 15.Bb5** -0.09/27
[15.Rc1 0.28/23 should be considered.]
15...bxa3= The position is equal.
16.bxa3 cxd4 17.Qxd4
(Diagram)



e5! 18.Qxd7
[18.Bxe5? too greedy. Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Bf6-+]
18...Qxd7 19.Bxd7 exf4 20.exf4 Rfd8 21.Rfd1 Ra6 22.Bb5 Rad6 23.Rxd6 Bxd6 24.Rd1 Be7 This pair of bishops is nice. **25.Rxd8+ Bxd8** Endgame. KBB-KBN **26.Nc5 Bd5 27.a4 Kf8 28.Kf1 Ke7 29.g3 Kd6** Black has compensation. **30.Nd3 Bb6 31.Ke2 Bd4 32.h4 f6 33.Ne1 f5 34.Bd3 g6 35.h5 Bc6 36.hxg6 hxg6 37.Bc2 Bd5 38.Nd3 Bc4 39.Kd2 Bxd3 40.Bxd3 Bxf2 41.g4 fxg4 42.Bxg6 Ke6 43.Ke2 Bc5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

		D37
□	**Praggnanandhaa,R.**	**2737**
■	**Dubov,Daniil**	**2693**
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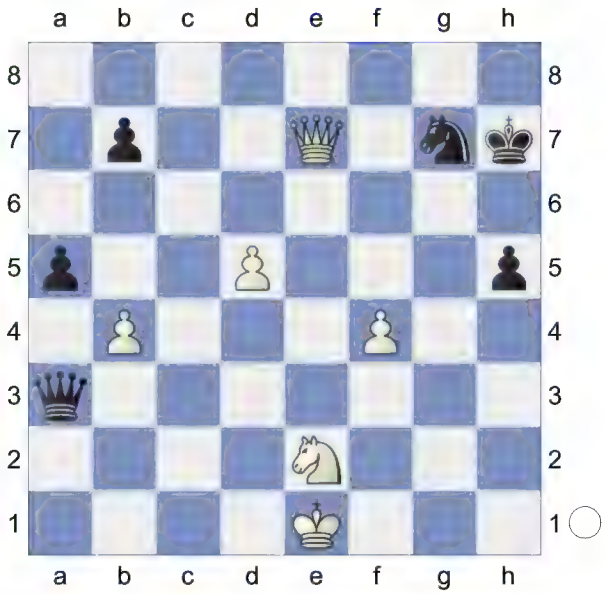
[Kitty Kat]

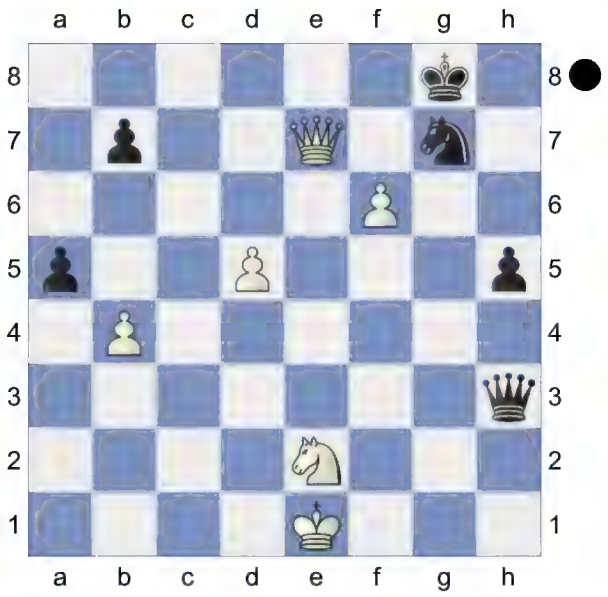
D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
E56: Nimzo-Indian: Rubinstein: Main Line: 7...Nc6 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3**

Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.h3N
[5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 a6 9.Qe2 b5 10.Bb3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bb7 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.Rad1 Nb4 14.Ne5 Nbd5 15.Rd3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Ne4 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Re3 Nf6 19.Bc2 Qd6 1-0 Alatortsev,V-Kan,I Moscow-ch17 1937 20.Rg3 g6 21.h4 Rac8 22.h5 Rc7 23.Re1 b4 24.hxg6 fxg6 25.cxb4 Rfc8 26.Bxg6 hxg6 27.Rxg6+ Rg7 28.Rxf6 Rxg2+ 29.Kf1 Qxd4 30.Rg6+ Rxg6 31.Nxg6 Re8 32.Qh5 Kg7 33.Ne5 Rf8 34.Qg6+ Kh8 ½-½ Alatortsev,V-Petrosian,T URS-ch18 Moscow 1950 35.Qh6+ Kg8 36.Qxe6+ Kh8 37.Qh6+ Kg8 38.Qe6+ Kh8 39.Qh6+ Kg8 40.Qg6+ Kh8 41.Qh5+ 1-0 Knudsen,P-7.d5 ♘a6 8.♗g5_59147 Australia 1984]
[5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0-0 a5 8.b3 b6 9.Bb2 Ba6 10.Nd2 b5 11.Qc2 Nbd7 12.Rfd1 Rc8 13.e4 dxc4 14.bxc4 bxc4 15.Na4 c3 16.Bxc3 Bb5 17.Nc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Be2 19.Re1 Bd3 1-0 Navara,D (2689)-Yu, Y (2735) Biel Blitz 56th 2023 (1)]
[5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.e3 0-0 8.Rc1 c6 9.h4 Re8 10.g4 e5 11.g5 exd4 12.Nxd4 hxg5 13.hxg5 Bxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxg5 15.cxd5 Bf5 16.Be2 cxd5 17.Rh5 Qg1+ 18.Kd2 Qxf2 19.Rch1 f6 1-0 Model Games-Ivanisevic,I Lifetime Repertoires: Plichta's Queen's 2023]
5...0-0 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bf4 c5 8.e3 White is slightly better. **8...cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc6 10.Bd3** 0.13/19
[10.Be2± 0.57/18]
10...Nxd4= 11.exd4 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.0-0 Bd7 14.Qd2 Rfe8 15.Rfe1 Bc6 16.a3 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 Re8 18.Rxe8+ Nxe8 19.Qe3 g6 20.f4 Ng7 21.Kf2 Qd8 22.Kg1 Qb6 23.b4 With the idea b4-b5. **23...Ne6 24.Ne2**
[24.b5!? Be8□ 25.Nxd5 Qxd4 26.Qxd4 Nxd4 27.a4=]
24...Bb5 25.Bxb5 Qxb5 Endgame. KQN-KQN **26.g4 Ng7 27.Kf2 h5 28.Qe7 Qd3 29.Qd8+ Kh7 30.Qxd5 Qxh3 31.gxh5** Active counter play! **31...Qh4+ 32.Kf1 Qh3+ 33.Ke1 gxh5 34.Qxf7 Qf3 35.d5** Strongly threatening d5-d6. **35...Qxa3 36.Qe7**
[36.Qxb7 Qf3±]
36...a5 1.90/22
[36...Qa1+± 0.51/18 37.Kf2 Qh1]



37.f5? 0.10/19
[Not 37.Qxb7 axb4 38.d6 b3=]
[37.Qe4+!+- 1.90/22 Kh6 38.d6]
37...Kg8! The position is equal.
[37...Qxb4+? too greedy. 38.Qxb4 axb4 39.d6+-]
38.Kf2 Qh3
[38...Qxb4? loses. 39.Qxb4 axb4 40.d6+-]
39.f6 Qh4+ 40.Kf1 Qh3+ 41.Ke1

(Diagram)



Chess con chili. **41...Qh1+ 42.Kf2 Qh4+ 43.Kf1 Qh3+ 44.Ke1**
[44.Kg1!? Qg4+□ 45.Kf2 Qh4+=]
44...Qh1+ 45.Kf2 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.10 (very precise)
½-½

A00

□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
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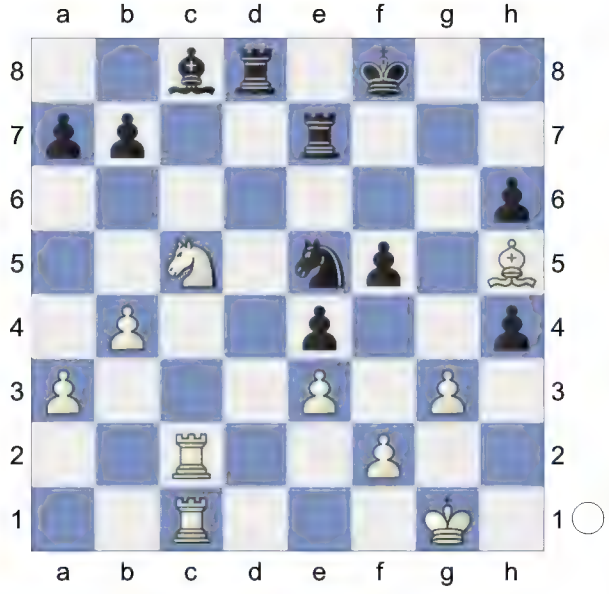
[Kitty Kat]

D30: Queen's Gambit Declined: Systems without Nc3 **1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 d5 3.Nf3 e6 4.0-0 c5 5.c4 Be7**
[5...d4 6.e3 Nc6 7.d3 *(7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 Bd6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Qxf6 11.Nbd2 Qe7 12.a3 a5 13.Re1 0-0 14.Nb3 Qf6 15.c5 Bc7 16.Rc1 e5 17.Nfd2 Qg6 18.Ne4 f5 19.Nd6 Bxd6 20.cxd6 Qxd6 21.Nc5 Kh8* ½-½ Ritviz,P (2369)-Priyanka,N (2283) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (6) *22.Qe2 Rb8 23.Bxc6 bxc6 24.Qxe5 Qxe5 25.Rxe5 f4 26.b3 Bh3 27.Rce1 Rf7 28.Re8+ Rxe8 29.Rxe8+ Kh7 30.Re4 Rf5 31.b4 axb4 32.axb4 fxg3 33.hxg3 Rd5 34.f3 Bf5 35.Re8 h5 36.f4 Kg6* ½-½ Ritviz,P (2369)-Priyanka,N (2283) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (6) *37.Kf2 Rd6 38.Rb8 Kh6 39.Rh8+ Kg6 40.Rb8 Kh6 41.Rb6 Rf6 42.Kf3 Kg6 43.Ke2 h4 44.gxh4 Kh5 45.Rb7 Rg6 46.Rf7 Bg4+ 47.Kd2 Kxh4 48.f5 Rf6 49.Rxg7 Bxf5 50.Nb3 Rd6 51.Rg1 Be6* ½-½ Ritviz,P (2369)-Priyanka,N (2283) Abu Dhabi op 29th 2023 (6)*)* 7...h6 8.exd4 cxd4 9.Bf4 Nd7 10.Re1 Bc5 11.Na3 a6 12.Nc2 0-0 13.a3 a5 14.b3 Re8 15.Bd2 e5 16.b4 Winter (2799)-Levitina,I (2694) (ol) 121/157 Tromso 2014]
6.cxd5N
[6.d4 0-0 7.cxd5 cxd4 8.dxe6 Bxe6 9.Nxd4 Bd5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Nc3 Bc4 12.Qa4 Be6 13.Ng5 Bd7 14.Rd1 Qb6 15.Qb5 Qxb5 16.Nxb5 h6 17.Nf3 a6 18.Nd6 Bxd6 19.Rxd6 Rfd8 20.Be3 Be6 1-0 Saint Bonnet,G-Javelle,G FRA-ch42 Dieppe 1967 (8) 21.Rad1 Bxa2 22.Bb6 Rxd6 23.Rxd6 Re8 24.Nd4 Nxd4 25.Bxd4 Ne4 26.Rd7 b5 27.Ra7 Nd2 28.e3 Re6 29.Bc3 Nb1 30.Bh3 Re8 31.Bd7 Rb8 32.Ba5 g6 33.Bc7 Rf8 34.Rxa6 Bc4 35.Rd6 Ra8 1-0 5.♘c3 a6 6.♗e2_46723-Kantarji,P 47/369 Wijk aan Zee 1989 (8) 36.Rd1 Ra7 37.Be5 Bb3 38.Rd6 Ra8 39.Bc6 Rc8 40.Kg2 f6 41.Bd7 Rc1 1-0 Saint Bonnet,G-Javelle,G FRA-ch42 Dieppe 1967 (8)]
6...exd5 7.d4 0-0 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3 h6 10.b4 Be7 11.Nc3! White is slightly better. White is slightly better. White is slightly better. **11...Nc6 12.Bb2 Bg4**

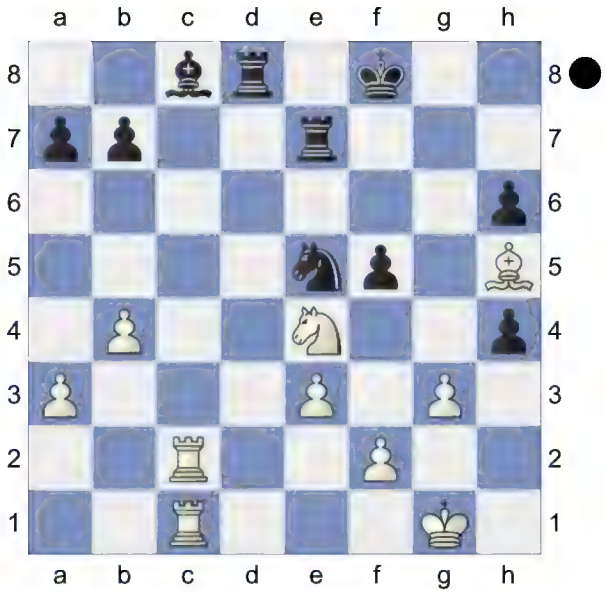
13.Rc1 Re8 14.h3 Be6 15.Na4 0.16/22
[15.e3± 0.64/19]
[15.e3± 0.63/21 feels stronger.]
15...Ne4= 16.Nd2 Bg5 17.Nxe4 dxe4 18.Qxd8! Raxd8 19.e3 Na4-c5! would now be deadly. Strongly threatening Na4-c5! **19...f5! 20.Nc5** Threatens to win with h3-h4! h3-h4! is the strong threat. **20...Bc8! 21.h4 Be7 22.Rfe1 Bd6! 23.Bf1 Be5 24.Bc4+**
[Wrong is 24.Nxb7? -3.20/20 24.Bb2-c3 0.02 24.Bf1-c4+ -0.02 Bxb7 25.Ba1 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 Ne5-+]
[Not 24.Nxb7? -3.32/20 24.Bf1-c4+ -0.02 Bxb7 25.Ba1 Bxa1 26.Rxa1 Ne5-+]
[But not 24.Nxb7? Bxb7 25.Rc2 Bxb2 26.Rxb2 Ne5-+]
24...Kf8 25.Re2 Bxb2 26.Rxb2 aiming for Bc4-b5. **26...Ne5 27.Be2 g5 28.Rbc2 gxh4 29.Bh5 Re7**



30.Nxe4!

(Diagram)

Discovered Attack **30...Bd7**
[30...Be6 31.Nc5!]



31.Nc5 Bc6 32.gxh4 Rg7+ 0.65/23
[32...Bf3= 0.25/20 should be considered. 33.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 34.Kf1 f4]
[32...Bf3!= 0.21/20 33.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 34.Kg2 Nxh4+ 35.Kg3 Ng6]
[32...Bf3= 0.14/21 33.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 34.Kh1 Nxh4]
33.Kh2 0.01/22
[White should play 33.Kf1± 0.61/25 Bd5 Against Nc5-e6+. Prevents Nc5-e6+ 34.Rc3]
[33.Kf1± 0.65/24 Rd6 Repels Nc5-e6+ 34.Rc3 0.13/20 *(34.a4!± 0.59/22* is superior. *)*]
[33.Kf1± 0.65/23 Rd6 34.a4]
33...Ke7 34.Rg1 Against Rg7-g2+. Prevents Rg7-g2+. **34...Rxg1 35.Kxg1 Bd5 36.Be2 b6 37.Nd3 Rg8+ 38.Kf1 Bg2+! 39.Ke1 Be4 40.Rc3 Rg1+ 41.Kd2 Bxd3 42.Bxd3±** Endgame. KRB-KRN **42...Rg2! 43.Ke1** Hoping for Ke1-f1.
[43.Bxf5? -3.41/23 43.Kd2-e1 0.29 43.Kd2-e1 0.46 loses. Rxf2+ 44.Kd1 Rxf5-+]
[43.Bxf5? too greedy. Rxf2+ 44.Kc1 Rxf5-+]

[43.Bxf5? perishes. Rxf2+ 44.Kd1 Rxf5-+]

43...Kf6! **44.Be2** f2-f4 is the strong threat. Strongly threatening f2-f4.

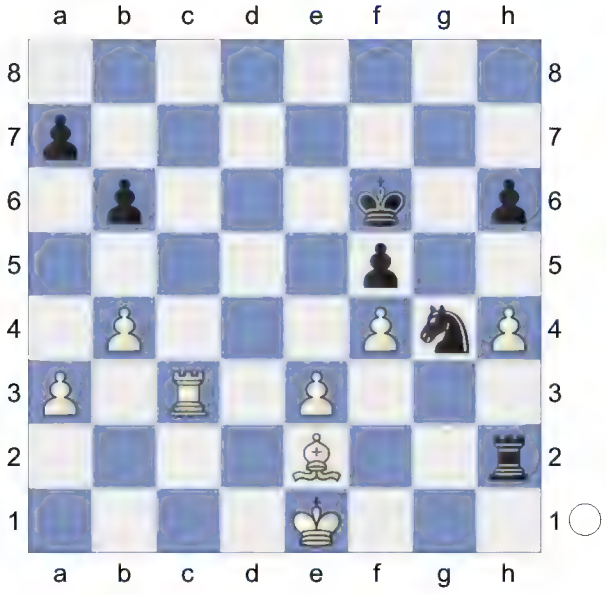
44...Rh2? 2.40/21

[44...Rg1+!± 0.36/18 45.Kd2 Black must now prevent f2-f4. Rg2]

[44...Rg1+!= 0.02/22 and Black stays safe. 45.Bf1 h5 1.65/20 *(45...Rh1!= 0.17/21)*]

[44...Rg1+!= 0.02/22 45.Kd2 Rg2]

45.f4+- **Ng4**



46.e4! **Rxh4** 3.35/21

[46...Ke7 47.e5]

[46...Ke7 2.33/19 was worth a try. 47.e5 *(47.exf5 Rxh4 48.Rc7+ Kf6±)* 47...Rh1+ 48.Kd2 Rh2 49.Rc7+ Ke6]

47.Rc6+? 0.51/21

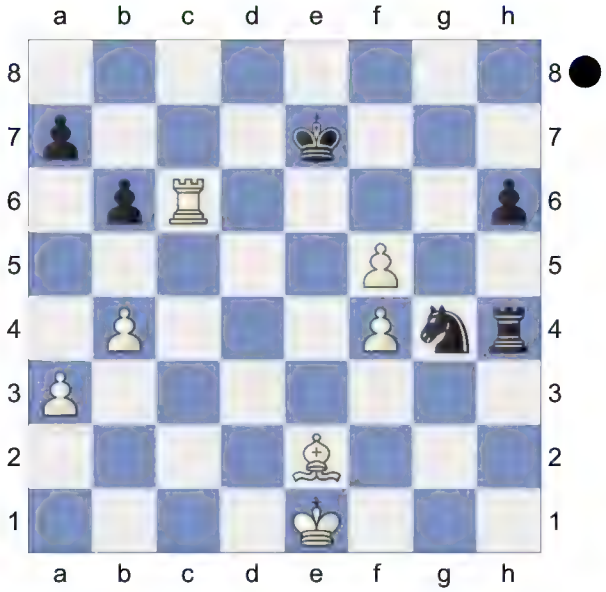
[47.e5++- 2.32/21 Nxe5 48.fxe5+ Kxe5 49.Rc7]

[47.e5++- 2.98/22 Nxe5 48.fxe5+ Kxe5 49.Rc7]

[47.e5++- 3.35/21 Nxe5 48.fxe5+ Kxe5 49.Rc7]

47...Ke7!± **48.exf5** 0.21/21

[Better is 48.e5!± 0.70/23 Threatens to win with Rc6-c7+. Rh1+ 0.97/24 *(48...Nh2!± 0.56/24* deserves consideration. *)* 49.Kd2]



Be2-c4 would now be deadly. **48...Nf6=** **49.Re6+** **Kf7** **50.Bc4** **Kg7!** **51.Re7+** **Kh8** **52.Rxa7** **Rxf4** **53.Be6** Strongly threatening Ra7-f7. Black should prevent Ra7-b7. **53...h5** **54.Rf7** **Ng4** **55.Rf8+** **Kh7** **56.Rf7+** **Kh6** **57.Rb7** **h4** **58.Rxb6** Rb6-b8 is the strong threat. **58...h3** **59.Rb8** And now Rb8-h8+ would win. Black must now prevent Rb8-h8+. **59...h2** **60.Rh8+** **Kg5** aiming for ...Rf4-e4+. **61.Kd2?** -7.22/22

[61.Bd5= 0.00/23]

[61.Bd5= 0.00/30]

[61.Bd5= 0.00/27]

61...Nh6 Black used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise) . Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise) . Weighted Error Value: White=0.27 (precise) /Black=0.15 (very precise)

0-1

A50
□ **Vidit,S.** **2739**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**
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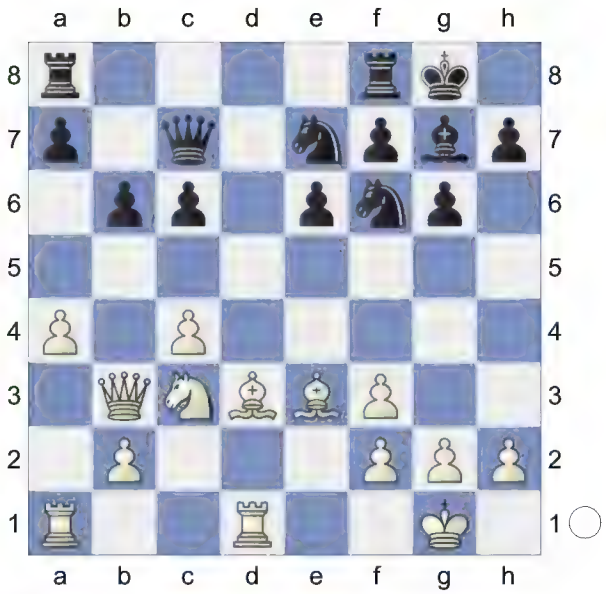
[Kitty Kat]

A50: Queen's Fianchetto Defence (1 d4 Nf6 2 c4 b6) Ljubojevic,Lj: 'Inf 48/(60)'
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 b6N
[2...g6 3.f3 *(3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 cxd4 6.Nxd4 0-0 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 d6 10.Bd2 Bd7 11.c5 Ne8 12.Qb4 a5 13.Qxb7 Rb8 14.Qa7 Rxb2 15.Ne4 Rxd2 16.Nxd2 Bxa1 17.Rxa1 dxc5* Ljubojevic,L (2635)-Ehlvest,J (2620) Beograd 48/(60) 1989*; 3.Nd2 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Ngf3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.0-0 Re8 9.h3 Na6 10.Re1 Bd7 11.Nf1 exd5 12.cxd5 c4 13.Bc2 Nc5 14.Ng3 Bb5 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Nfd7 17.Bc3 Ba6* 1-0 Lazarevic,M (2646)-9.b3 ♖e8 10.h3_68766 (2531) French Championship Cande 2011*)* 3...Nc6 4.e4 e5 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qd2 d6 9.Rd1 c6 10.b3 d5 11.Nge2 Qa5 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.exd5 Re8 14.Ng3 Neg4 15.fxg4 Qb6 16.Be2 Qxe3 17.Qxe3 Gomez Vasquez,L-Machado Escanio, M 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Rare moves 2023]
[2...e6 3.a3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb7 5.f3 *(5.Bg5 Be7 6.Qc2 h6 7.Bh4 d5 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Nf3 Nxg3 11.hxg3 c6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Bb5 0-0 14.Qa4 Nf6 15.Ne5 Qd6 16.Bc6 Bxc6 17.Nxc6 a6 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qd1 Rfc8* 0-1 2.c4 g6 3.♘c3-Jakubovic,N (2045) 49/134 Reggio Emilia 1989*)* 5...d5 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Nge2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.dxc5 dxc4 11.Bxc4 Ne5 12.Ba2 Bxc5 13.b4 Be7 14.Nd4 Nd5 15.Nce2 Rc8 16.Qb3 Nc4 17.e4 1-0 Kaplan,I (1766)-Romero,S (1914) Nassau-ch 2009 (2)]
3.Nc3 Bb7 4.Qc2 Nc6 5.Nf3 Nb4 6.Qb3 e6 7.a3 Wards off c7-c5 **7...Bxf3 8.exf3** White is better. **8...Nc6 9.Be3 Ne7 10.Bd3** 0.51/20
[10.0-0-0± 1.01/20]
10...c6± 11.0-0 g6 12.d5 Bg7 0.70/19
[12...cxd5= 0.25/23 was preferrable. 13.cxd5 Nexd5 *(13...Nfxd5 14.Bd4±)*]
13.dxc6 White has more active pieces.
13...dxc6 14.Rfd1 Qc7 15.a4 0-0



16.a5! Rab8
[16...Nd7 17.g4]
17.axb6 axb6 18.Ra6 Nd7 19.Qa3 Dodges Nd7-c5. Hoping for Ra6-a7. **19...Rfe8** 0.46/21
[19...Ne5= 0.06/23 is superior.]
20.Be4 Threatens to win with Ra6-a7.
20...Ne5 21.Ra7 Rb7 22.Nb5
[22.Rxb7 simplifies Qxb7 23.Qa4 Nf5 24.Bf4]
22...Rd8 23.Rxd8+ Remove Defender
[23.Nxc7? Rxd1#]
[23.Ra8!? Rbb8□ 24.Rxd8+

Remove Defender *(24.Nxc7? Rxd1#)* 24...Qxd8 25.Rxb8 Qxb8 26.Qxe7 cxb5 27.cxb5±]

23...Qxd8 24.Ra8 Pin

[24.Rxb7? Qd1#]

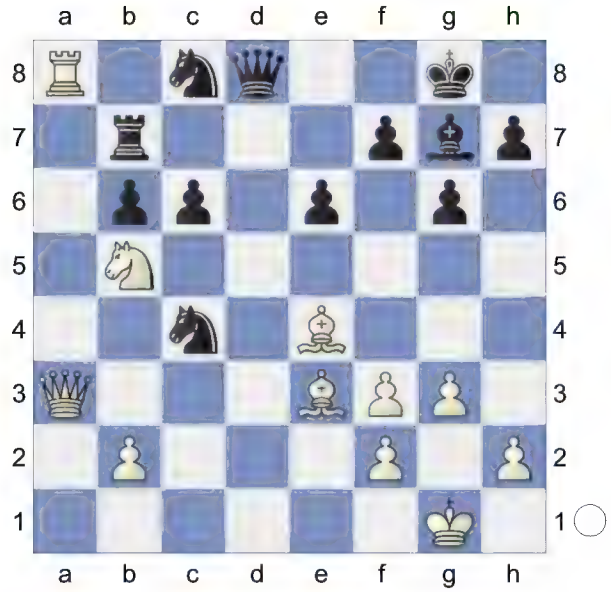
24...Nc8 1.59/20

[24...Rb8!± 0.34/19 25.Rxb8 Qxb8]

25.g3 aiming for Qa3-a6.

[25.Nd6 Bf8 26.c5 *(26.Nxb7? Qd1#; 26.Rxc8 Qxc8 27.Nxc8 Bxa3=)* 26...bxc5 27.Rxc8 *(27.Nxb7? Qd1#; 27.Bxc5? Bxd6 28.Bxd6 Nc4-+* Deflection, Double Attack *)* 27...Qxd6]

25...Nxc4



26.Qd3 0.00/55

[26.Qb3!+- 1.61/26 Na5 *(26...Nxb2?* too greedy. *27.Bxc6 Rd7 28.Bxd7+-; 26...Nxe3 27.Bxc6 Rc7 28.Nxc7+-)* 27.Qc2]

26...Qxd3= The position is equal.

27.Rxc8+ Bf8 And now ...Qd3-d1+ would win. **28.Bh6**

[28.Bxd3 Nxe3 29.fxe3 cxb5∓]

28...Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Some like it hot

29...Ne3+! 30.fxe3 Qe2+ 31.Kg1 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 Qe2+ 33.Kg1 Qe1+ 34.Kg2 Qe2+ 35.Kg1 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise)

½-½

D37

□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**

■ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**

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[Kitty Kat]

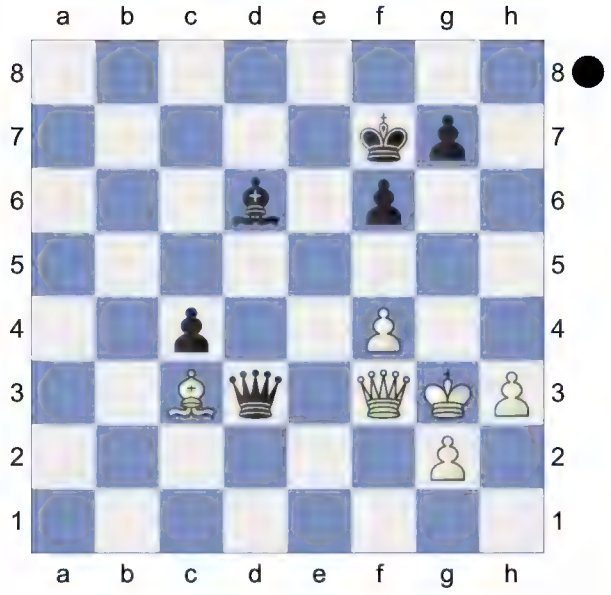
D24: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 3 Nf3 Nf6 4 Nc3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.e4 Bb4 6.Bxc4** And now 0-0 would win. **6...Nxe4 7.0-0! Nf6 8.Qa4+** White is slightly better. **8...Nc6 9.Ne5 Rb8 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qxa7N**

[11.Rd1 Bd7 12.Bg5 Be7 13.Qxa7 Ra8 14.Qb7 Rb8 15.Qa7 Ra8 16.Qb7 Rb8 17.Qa7 ½-½ Karjakin,S (2757)-Duda,J (2729) FIDE World Cup chess24.com 2021 (64.1)]

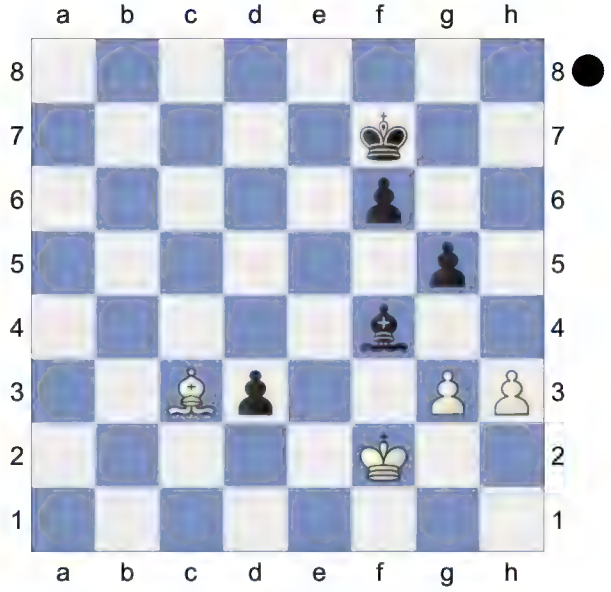
[11.Qxc6+ Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Bxd7 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Rfc1 Ba5 15.Rab1 Rfd8 16.Bb3 Bc6 17.Rd1 Rd7 18.Rbc1 h6 19.Be3 Bb6 20.h3 Rbd8 21.Ne2 Bb5 22.Nc3 c6 23.a4 Ba6 24.Na2 Bb7 25.Nb4 Rd6 0-1 Aronian,L (2807)-Anand,V (2817) Moscow Botvinnik Memorial rapid 2011 (2) 26.Nd3 Bxd4 27.Bf4 R6d7 28.Ne5 Bxe5 29.Bxe5 Nd5 30.a5 f6 31.Bg3 Kf7 32.Re1 Rc8 33.Bc4 a6 34.Rcd1 g5 35.Be2 c5 36.Bh5+ Ke7 37.Rxe6+ Kxe6 38.Re1+ Kf5 39.Bh2 g4 40.Bxg4+ Kg6 1-0 Boettcher,P (2580)-Louvrier Saint Mary,J (2670) Chapter 1 (2) Game 3 (3)]

11...Bd7! 12.Qa4 c5 13.Qd1 cxd4 14.Qxd4 Bc6 15.Be3 Bd6 16.b3 0-0 17.Rad1 Nd7 18.h3 Ne5 19.Be2 Qf6

White must now prevent ...Bc6xg2! **20.f4** -0.77/21
[20.Ne4= 0.08/21 remains equal. Qg6 21.f3 Bxe4 22.Qxe4]
20...Rb4!∓ 21.Qd2
[21.fxe5 Qg6 22.Rf2 Rxd4 23.Bxd4 Bb4∓]
21...Ng6 22.Bf3 Bxf3 23.Rxf3 Nh4
[23...Bxf4? 24.Nd5 exd5 25.Qxb4 Bxe3+ 26.Rxe3+-]
[23...Nxf4?! 24.a3 Rxb3 25.Bxf4 *(25.Ne4? Qg6-+)* 25...Bxf4 *(25...Bxa3? 26.Ne4+-)* 26.Ne4 Rxf3 27.Nxf6+ gxf6 28.Qb4 Be3+ *(28...c5 29.Qe4=)* 29.Kh1=]
24.Rff1 Nf5 25.Ne2 h5 -0.62/21
[25...Nxe3∓ -1.02/23 26.Qxe3 Ra8]
26.Bf2∓ h4 27.Rc1 Ra8 28.Rc2 -0.99/21
[28.Rfd1∓ -0.62/21]
28...Ra5 29.Qd3 Rd5 30.Qf3 Qd8 31.Rfc1 Rb8 -0.17/20
[Better is 31...Qa8∓ -0.89/20 32.Rd2 Qa6]
32.Nc3= Nd4 33.Qg4 Nxc2 34.Nxd5 exd5 35.Rxc2 Rb4 36.Bxh4 Qe8 37.Re2 Re4 38.Bf6 Bf8 39.Rxe4 Qxe4 Endgame. KQB-KQB **40.Be5 d4** ...d4-d3 would now be deadly. **41.Qf3**
[41.Bxc7? perishes. Qc2 42.Bb6 d3-+]
41...Qb1+ 42.Qf1 Qxa2 43.Bxd4 c5 44.Bc3 Qxb3 45.Qd3 Be7 46.Qf3 c4 47.Qe3 Bf8 48.Qd4 Qb5 49.Kh2 f6 50.Qe4 Kf7 51.Qe2 Qd5 Black wants to play ...Qd5-d3. **52.Kg3 Bd6 53.Qf3?** -3.40/26
[53.h4= -0.06/23 and White has nothing to worry.]
53...Qf5? -0.26/19
[Black should try 53...Qg5+-+ -3.40/26 54.Kf2 Qxf4 *(54...Bxf4 55.Qb7+ Kg6 56.Qe4+ Qf5 57.Qxc4∓)* 55.Qxf4 Bxf4]
54.Qg4? -2.22/24
[54.Bd2= -0.26/19]
54...Qd3+!-+ 55.Qf3



g5! 56.Kf2 Bxf4 Hoping for ...Qd3xf3+.
[Worse is 56...gxf4 57.Qxd3 cxd3 58.Ke1=]
57.Qxd3 -4.44/15
[57.Be1 -1.75/20]
57...cxd3 KB-KB **58.g3**



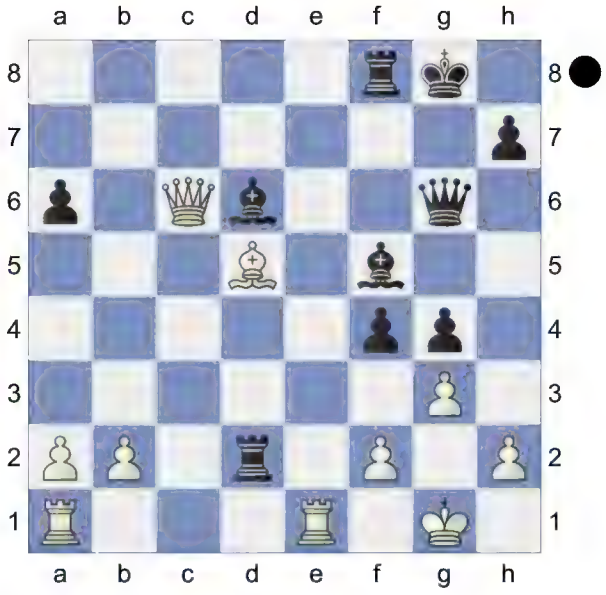
Be5 -0.03/37
[58...Bc1!-+ -2.15/36 Threatens to win with ...f6-f5. 59.Ke1 Ke6]

59.Bd2 The position is equal. **59...Kg6 60.Kf3 f5 61.Ke3 f4+ 62.Kxd3 fxg3 63.Ke2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.20 (precise)
½-½

		C89
☐	**Erigaisi,Arjun**	**2799**
■	**Narayanan,SL.**	**2647**
Tata Steel India Rapid (3)		13.11.2024

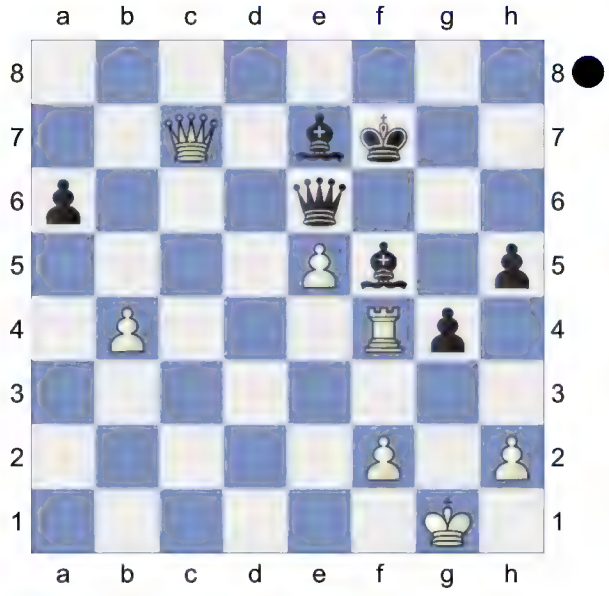
[Kitty Kat]

C89: Closed Ruy Lopez: Marshall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.Re1 Bd6 13.d4 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Re4 g5! 16.Qf1
[16.Bxg5 Qf5 17.Rh4 *(17.Bxd5? cxd5 18.Rh4 Qxg5-+)* 17...Qxg5-+]
16...Qh5
[16...Qxf1+ simplifies 17.Kxf1 h6 18.Re1 Bh3+]
17.Nd2 f5 0.83/23
[17...Bf5= 0.14/18 remains equal.]
18.Re1 -0.36/20
[18.Bd1!± 0.83/23 g4 19.Re2]
18...f4∓ ...f4xg3 would now be deadly. Black has compensation. **19.Ne4** -1.09/21
[19.Bd1!= -0.24/23 keeps the balance. Qh6 *(19...f3 20.Ne4 Bh3 21.Qd3 Rae8 22.Bd2 Rxe4 23.Qxe4 Bxg3 24.Bxf3 Bxh2+ 25.Kxh2 Bg4+ 26.Kg1 Bxf3 27.Qe6+ Kg7 28.Qe5+ Rf6 29.Qh2 Rh6* 0-1 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 (2703)-Woerdemann,M (2739) USSR 29/403 1980 (4) *)* 20.Ne4]
19...Bh3→ Black goes for the king.
20.Qd3 Rae8 21.Bd2N -2.48/22
[21.Bd1∓ -0.87/16 was the only defense. Qg6 22.Bf3]
[21.Bxf4 Bxf4 22.gxf4 gxf4 23.Kh1 Kh8 24.Rg1 f3 25.Bxd5 Bg2+ 26.Rxg2 fxg2+ 27.Kxg2 cxd5 28.Ng3 Rxf2+ 29.Kxf2 Qxh2+ 30.Kf3 Rg8 31.Kf4 Qh4+ 32.Ke5 Qe7+ 33.Kf5 Qf7+ 34.Ke5 Re8+ 35.Kd6 Re6+ 0-1 Manon,R (2423)-Mammadova,G (2359) Dubai op-A 24th 2024 (2)]
21...Bf5!-+ 22.Bd1 -3.60/20
[⌓22.c4 -2.24/17 bxc4 *(22...Ne3 23.Qe2=)* 23.Qxc4 *(23.Bxc4? Qg6-+)* 23...Bxe4 *(23...Rxe4? 24.Qxc6 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1+-)* 24.Rxe4 Rxe4 25.Qxc6 fxg3 26.hxg3]
22...g4 23.Bc2 Qg6 24.c4 bxc4 25.Qxc4 Rxe4
[25...Bxe4 26.Rxe4 fxg3 *(26...Rxe4 27.Qxc6 Qe6 28.Bxe4±)* 27.hxg3 Rxe4 28.Qxc6=]
26.Qxc6 Rxd4 27.Bb3 Rxd2 -0.57/21
[Black should try 27...Rc8!-+ -2.38/25 28.Bxd5+ Kf8 29.Qxa6 Rxd5]
28.Bxd5+∓

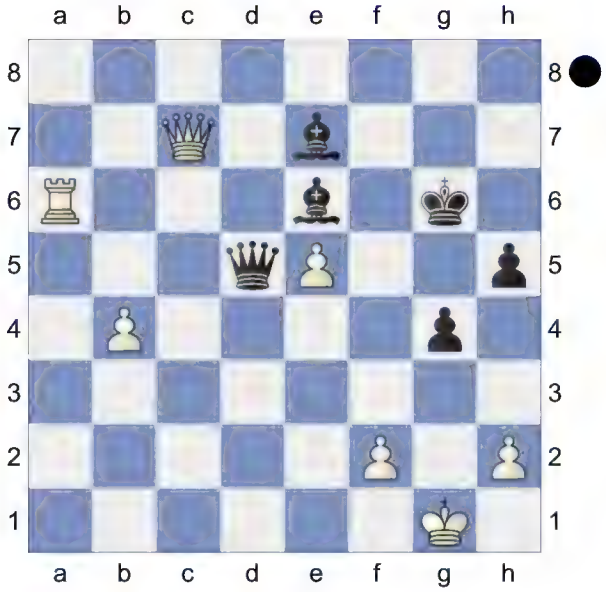


Rxd5! 29.Qxd5+ Kg7 30.Rad1 Rf6 31.Qc4 -1.24/21
[31.Qc6∓ -0.61/18]
31...Qf7!∓ 32.Qc3 Kg6! 33.Rd4 Re6

-0.08/19
[33...h5∓ -1.27/18 34.Ra4 fxg3 35.hxg3 Qa7]
34.gxf4 -0.59/19
[34.Rxe6+= -0.08/19 Qxe6 35.gxf4]
34...Be7 -0.06/20
[34...Rf6∓ -0.59/19]
35.Re5? -1.59/20
[Better is 35.Rxe6+= -0.06/20 Qxe6 36.Qc4]
35...Rxe5 Discovered Attack **36.fxe5 Qxa2** White must now prevent ...Qa2-b1+. **37.Qc6+ Kg7 38.Qb7 Qe6** -1.04/21
[38...Kf7!-+ -1.72/24 39.Rd1 h5]
39.Qc7 Kf7 -0.64/20
[39...Kg6∓ -1.05/24 40.Ra4 Kf7]
40.Rf4 -1.45/22
[40.Rb4∓ -0.64/20]
40...h5 41.b4 -2.28/20
[41.Rc4∓ -1.53/22]



41...Kg6? 0.00/26
[41...h4!-+ -2.28/20 Strongly threatening ...h4-h3. 42.Qc3 *(42.Qc2? Kg6-+)* 42...h3]
42.Rc4!= Rc4-c6 is the strong threat.
42...Qd5 43.Rc6+? -1.61/23
[43.Qxe7= 0.00/26 Qd1+ 44.Kg2 Be4+ Decoy *(44...Qd5+ 45.Kg1=)* 45.Rxe4 Qf3+ 46.Kg1 Qd1+ 47.Re1 *(47.Kg2 Qf3+ 48.Kf1 Qh1+ 49.Ke2 Qxe4+ 50.Kd2 Qd4+ 51.Ke2 Kf5=)* 47...Qxe1+ 48.Kg2 Qe4+ 49.Kg1 Qe1+ 50.Kg2 Qe4+ 51.Kf1]
43...Be6-+ This pair of bishops is nice.
44.Rxa6



Qd1+!
[44...Bxb4 45.Qb8=]
45.Kg2 Qf3+
[45...Bxb4 46.Rxe6+ Kg5 47.Qg7+ Kf4 48.Qf7+ Ke4 49.Qh7+ *(49.Qxh5 Qf3+ 50.Kg1 Qd1+ 51.Kg2 Qf3+ 52.Kg1 Qd1+ 53.Kg2=)* 49...Kd5 50.Qd7+ Ke4 51.Qxd1]
46.Kg1 Qd1+
[46...Bxb4 47.Rxe6+ Kg5 48.Qd8+ Kf5 49.Rf6+ Kxe5 50.Rxf3+-]
47.Kg2 Kf7
[47...Bxb4 48.Rxe6+ Kg5 49.Qg7+ Kf5 50.Rf6+ Ke4 51.Qh7+ Kxe5 52.Qf5+ *(52.Qxh5+ Kxf6 53.Qh6+ Kf5=)* 52...Kd4 53.Qd7+ *(53.Qxh5 Kc3+-)* 53...Kc4 54.Qxd1]
48.Rxe6∓ Endgame. KQR-KQB
48...Qf3+ -0.83/19

[48...Kxe6 49.Qc8+ Qd7 *(49...Kxe5? 50.Qh8+ Ke6 51.Qh6+ Kd7 52.Qxh5-+)* 50.Qc2 Bxb4 *(50...Kxe5? 51.Qe2+ Kf5 52.f3-+)* 51.Qg6+ Kxe5 52.Qxh5+ Kf4 53.Qh6+ Ke5 54.Qh5+ Qf5 55.Qxf5+ Kxf5 56.h3=]
[⌓48...Qd5+ -1.41/26 49.Kg1 Kxe6]

49.Kg1 Qd1+
[49...Kxe6? 50.Qc8+ Kf7 51.e6+ Kf6 52.Qh8+ Kg5 *(52...Kxe6 53.Qxh5 Bxb4 54.h3∓)* 53.Qe5+ *(53.Qg7+? Kh4-+)* 53...Kg6 54.Qb5-+]

50.Kg2 Kxe6 0.00/29
[50...Qd5+∓ -1.33/24 51.Kg1 Kxe6 52.Qc8+ Kxe5]

51.Qc8+= The position is equal. **51...Kxe5 52.Qh8+ Ke4** Threatens to win with ...Qd1-d5. **53.Qh7+**
[53.Qxh5 Qf3+ *(53...Bxb4 54.Qh7+ Kd5 55.Qf5+ Kc4 56.Qe4+ Kb3 57.f3=)* 54.Kg1 Bxb4 55.Qe8+ Kd3 56.Qd7+ Kc4 57.Qe6+ Kd4 58.Qd7+ Qd5 59.Qg7+ *(59.Qxg4+ Qe4=)* 59...Kc5]

53...Kd4 54.Qxe7 KQ-KQ **54...Qf3+ 55.Kf1 Qh1+ 56.Ke2 Qf3+ 57.Ke1 Qc3+ 58.Kf1 Qc4+ 59.Qe2** Hoping for Qe2xc4+. **59...Qxb4 60.Qe3+ Kd5 61.Qg5+ Ke6 62.Qg6+ Ke7 63.Qxh5 Qb1+ 64.Kg2 Qe4+ 65.Kg3** And now Qh5-g5+ would win. **65...Qf3+ 66.Kh4** aiming for Qh5-g5+. **66...Qxf2+ 67.Kxg4 Qe2+** White happily takes the draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.33/Black=0.29 (precise)
½-½

E20
□ **So,W.** **2747**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
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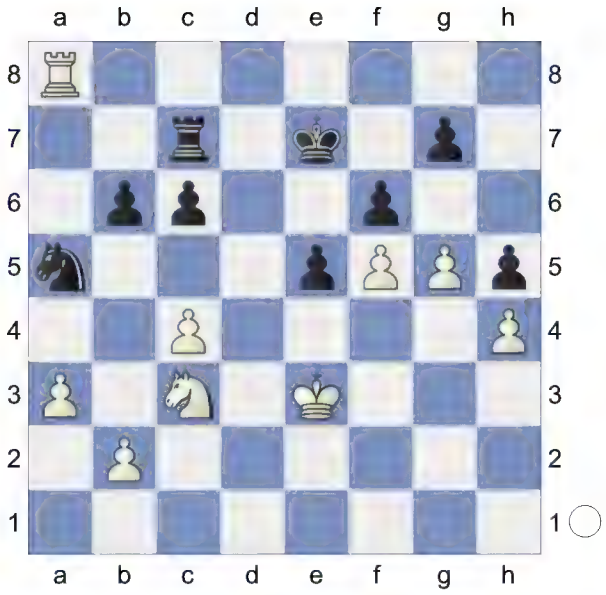
[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bd6 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 8.d5 0-0** White is slightly better. **9.Nf3 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.Bd3**
[11.Be3 Nbd7 12.Be2 Bc5 13.Qd3 c6 14.dxc6 Bxf3 15.cxd7 Bxe2 16.Qxe2 Bxe3 17.Qxe3 Qxd7 18.Rd1 Qe6 19.Nd5 Rfc8 20.0-0 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Qb6 22.Qxb6 axb6 23.Rf3 Ra4 24.Rb3 Rxe4 25.Rxb6 Re2 ½-½ Erigaisi,A (2722)-Ding,L (2811) Tata Steel-A 85th Wijk aan Zee 2023 (5) 26.Rxb7 f6 27.Rd3 Rcc2 28.Rg3 g6 29.d6 Red2 30.a4 Rxd6 31.a5 f5 32.Re7 Rdd2 33.Kh1 Kf8 34.Rxh7 f4 35.Rb3 Rd8 36.a6 e4 37.Rh8+ Ke7 38.Rxd8 f3 39.gxf3 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2701)-Keymer,V (2690) Airthings Masters Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (8)]

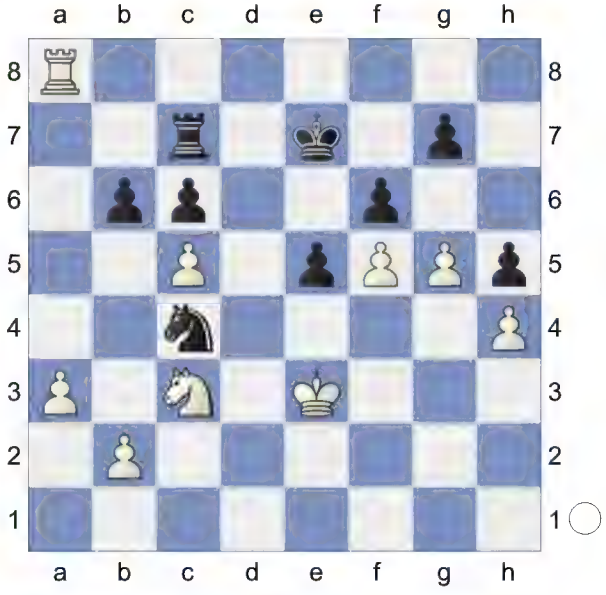
11...Bc5 12.g4 Bg6 13.Qe2N -0.25/24
[13.Nxe5 Nbd7 14.Nxg6 fxg6=]
[13.Bc2± 0.41/22 Re8 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bh4 c6 16.b4 Be7 17.0-0 a5 18.Nxe5 axb4 19.Nxg6 fxg6 20.e5 Nfd7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Bxg6 bxc3 23.Bxe8 Qxe8 24.e6 Nimzo Indian-4.f3 d5 5.a3 ♗d6 Survey 2021 Nf6 25.Qd3 cxd5 26.cxd5 Na6 27.Rae1 Nc7 28.d6 Nxe6 29.Qc4 Kf7 30.Qe4 Rd8 31.Rxf6+ gxf6 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Qh8+ Kf7 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Rf1 Nf4 36.Qxh6+ Kf7 37.Qh7+ Kf8 38.Qh6+ Kf7 39.Qxf4 1 Delayed c2-c4 v Classical-Markus,R Chapter 10 Part 1 Game]

13...Nbd7 14.Be3 Prevents Bc5-d4. **14...Bxe3** 0.58/21
[14...c6!= 0.00/24]
15.Qxe3± c6 16.0-0-0 White is more active. **16...Qb6** 1.45/24
[Better is 16...cxd5± 0.61/19 17.Nxd5 *(17.cxd5 Rc8+-; 17.exd5 e4∓)* 17...Rc8]
17.Qxb6!± axb6 18.Kd2 0.62/23
[White should try 18.g5± 1.40/27 Ne8 19.Be2]
18...Rfd8± 19.Ke3 Kf8 20.Be2 h6 21.dxc6 bxc6 22.Rd6 Rdc8 23.Rhd1 -0.01/25
[23.Ra1!± 0.40/27 should be considered.]
23...Rc7
[23...Nc5 simplifies 24.Nxe5 Bxe4 25.Nxe4 Nfxe4 26.Nd7+ Nxd7 27.Kxe4 Re8+]
24.Nh4 Nc5 25.Rd8+ Rxd8 26.Rxd8+ Ke7 27.Rb8 Nfd7 0.75/27
[27...Ncxe4? is the wrong capture. 28.Nxg6+ *(28.Rxb6 Nxc3 29.Nxg6+ fxg6∓)* 28...fxg6 29.Nxe4+-]
[27...Bxe4 28.Nxe4 Nfxe4 29.b4±]
[27...Rb7= 0.24/24 keeps the balance. 28.Ra8 Ne6 *(28...Nfxe4? 29.Nxg6+* Remove Defender *fxg6 30.Nxe4+-; 28...Bxe4? 29.b4+-)*]
28.Rg8 Ne6 29.Nf5+ Bxf5 30.exf5 Nf6 31.Rb8 Nd7 32.Rg8 Nf6 33.Rb8 Nd7 34.Ra8 Nd4 35.Bd3 h5 0.81/22
36.g5± Nc5 37.Be4↑ White is in control. **37...f6 38.h4** 0.02/22
[38.g6!± 1.23/23]
38...Nxe4= 39.Kxe4 Endgame. KRN-KRN **39...Nb3 40.Ke3 Na5?** 1.66/22
[40...Nd4= 0.01/25 and Black is okay. 41.Ke4 Rd7]

(Diagram)



41.c5!+- Nc4+



42.Kd3! Nxb2+

(Diagram)

43.Ke2! bxc5 44.Ne4 c4? 4.91/25
[44...Nc4± 1.26/25]
45.gxf6+? 0.00/30
[White should play 45.g6+- 4.91/25 Rd7 46.Rg8]
45...gxf6= ...Rc7-d7 would now be deadly. The position is equal. **46.Rh8 Nd3 47.Kd2** Strongly threatening Kd2-

c3!

[47.Rh7+ Kd8 48.Rh8+ Ke7±]

47...Nf4 48.Kc3 Rd7 49.Rh7+ Kd8 50.Rxd7+ Kxd7 51.Nxf6+ KN-KN **51...Ke7 52.Ne4 Nd5+ 53.Kxc4 Ne3+ 54.Kc5 Nxf5 55.Kxc6** Black must now prevent a3-a4. **55...Nxh4 56.a4 Nf5 57.a5 Kd8 58.Kb7** a5-a6 is the strong threat. **58...Nd4 59.a6** aiming for a6-a7. **59...Nb5 60.Kb6 Nc7 61.a7 h4 62.Ng5** Hoping for Ng5-e6+! **62...Kc8 63.Kc6 Na8 64.Kd5 Kb7 65.Kxe5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.18 (very precise) /Black=0.26 (precise)

½-½

		C67
□	**Carlsen,M.**	**2831**
■	**Vidit,S.**	**2739**
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[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 CC HeaderStart CC Game: 'The file that matters' CC HeaderEnd CC When I played through the following game, I had the feeling that I'd seen a great game, but I didn't understand why. After quite a bit of analysis, I think I do ! The opening is a solid anti-Berlin variation with a symmetrical pawn structure and only the faintest initiative for White. Between moves 25 and 34, AlphaZero unbalances the position: White gains an outpost for its knight on c5, control of the open e-file, an invasion square on e6 and weak black queenside pawns on a5 and c6. However AlphaZero slowly reels White in, first creating a dark- square weakness on White's kingside and then converting this weakness into an advanced pawn on g3 with 41... hxg3. Stockfish lets it all happen, evaluating the position before and after with exactly the same value (0.00) . The g3-pawn restricts the movement of the white king and AlphaZero uses this to stretch White's position to breaking point by opening an extra file - the a-file - and targeting White's queenside pawns, after which White's position eventually collapses. Game themes: 1. Avoiding the automatic occupation of an open file 2. Using a rook's pawn to weaken the opponent's king's position 3. Advanced bishop outpost 4. Improving the position of the king before the next wave of attack **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8 11.Bf4 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Ne8** The position is equal. **13.c3 d5 14.Nd2**

[14.Bd3 g6 15.Nd2 Ng7 16.Nf1 Bf5 17.Bxf5 Nxf5 18.Ne3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Qd7 20.Re1 c6 21.Bh6 Bg7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Qe7 Rd8 24.h4 h5 25.Re3 b6 26.Qe5+ Kg8 27.Kh2 a5 28.f3 a4 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2855)-Kramnik,V (2812) Leuven GCT blitz

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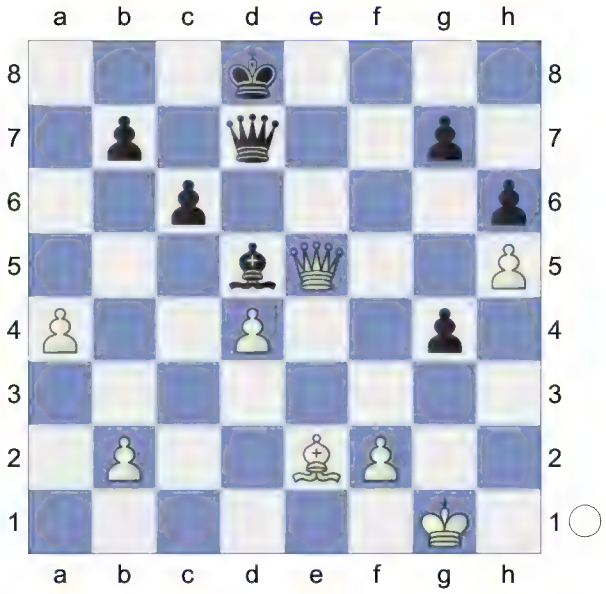
14...Bf5 15.Qe3
[15.Qd1 c6 16.Qb3 Qb6 17.Re1 g6 18.Qa3 Ng7 19.Nf3 Ne6 20.Be5 Bxe5 21.Nxe5 Ng7 22.Qe7 Be6 23.b4 Nf5 24.Qf6 Qd8 25.Qxd8+ Rxd8 26.a4 Re8 27.a5 f6 28.Nd3 Kf7 29.Nc5 Bc8 ½-½ Mertens,G (2385)-Heinbuch,D (2340) 4.e3 f5 5. g4 (9)]
15...Nd6 16.h3N
[16.Nf3 a5 17.Re1 c6 18.a4 h6 19.Qc1 Be7 20.b3 Ne8 21.Qe3 Bf8 22.Bd3 Qf6 23.Ne5 Nd6 24.f3 Bxd3 25.Nxd3 h5 26.Qd2 b5 27.Qd1 Rc8 28.Be5 Qg5 29.Bf4 Qf6 30.Be5 Qg5 Part Iii Themes In Alphazero-Stockfish Vs Alphazero]
16...h6 17.Re1 Bg5 18.g4 Bxf4 19.Qxf4 Bh7 20.c4 dxc4 21.Nxc4 Nxc4 22.Bxc4 Bg6 23.Re5 Kf8 24.Qe3 Qd6 25.h4 Qd7
[25...Rd8 simplifies 26.Rd5 Re8 27.Qxe8+ Kxe8 28.Rxd6 cxd6 29.Kh2 f6]
26.Qf4
[26.Be2 simplifies f6 27.Qa3+ Qd6 28.Qxd6+ cxd6 29.Ra5]
26...Re8 27.h5 Bh7 28.Bb5 c6 29.Bc4 f6 0.45/20
[29...Bc2= 0.07/20]
30.Rxe8+± Kxe8 Endgame. KQB-KQB **31.Qb8+ Ke7 32.Be2↑** Strongly threatening Qb8-h8. White is pushing.
32...Be4 1.31/23
[32...Kf7!± 0.60/22]
33.Qxa7± Bd5 34.a4 f5 35.Qb8 0.35/21
[White should play 35.gxf5+- 1.64/25 Black must now prevent Kg1-f1. Kf6 36.Qb8]
35...fxg4 1.29/20
[35...Qe6!± 0.35/21 36.Qxb7+ Kf6]
36.Qe5+ 1.74/22
[36.Bd3!± 1.29/20]
36...Kd8 3.00/20
[⌓36...Kf8 1.74/22 37.Qf4+ Kg8]



37.Kh2!+- Bf3 38.Bxf3 gxf3 KQ-KQ **39.Kg3** Inhibits Qd7-g4+. **39...Kc8 40.Kf4** Qe5-f5! would now be deadly.
[40.Kxf3 Qh3+ 41.Kf4 Qh4+ 42.Kf3 Qh3+ 43.Kf4 Qh4+ 44.Ke3 Qg4±]
40...Kd8 41.Kxf3 Qf7+ 42.Kg3 Qe5-b8+ is the strong threat. **42...Qb3+ 43.Kg2 Qxb2** 3.01/20
[⌓43...Qxa4 1.96/22 44.Qxg7 Qd1]
44.Qxg7 Qd2 4.25/22
[44...Qe2 2.62/21 45.Qf6+ *(45.Qxb7 Qg4+ 46.Kh2 Qh4+ 47.Kg1 Qg4+ 48.Kf1 Qd1+ 49.Kg2 Qg4+ 50.Kf1 Qd1+ 51.Kg2 Qg4+=)* 45...Kd7]
45.Qe5
[45.Qxb7 Qg5+ 46.Kf1 Qc1+ 47.Ke2 Qc2+ 48.Ke3 Qc1+ 49.Ke2 Qc2+ 50.Ke3 Qc1+ 51.Ke2=]
45...Kd7 4.50/20
[⌓45...Qd1 2.86/20 46.Qb8+ Ke7]
46.a5 Qd1 47.f3 Qc1 48.Qg7+ 2.20/20
[⌓48.f4 5.18/21]
48...Ke8? 4.83/22

[48...Ke6 2.20/20 49.Qe5+ *(49.Qxb7 Qg5+ 50.Kf1 Qc1+ 51.Kf2 Qd2+ 52.Kg3 Qe1+ 53.Kg2 Qe2+ 54.Kg3 Qe1+ 55.Kf4 Qd2+ 56.Kg4 Qg5+ 57.Kh3 Qxh5+ 58.Kg2 Qg5+ 59.Kf1 Qc1+ 60.Kg2 Qg5+ 61.Kh3 Qh5+ 62.Kg3 Qg6+ 63.Kh2 Qc2+ 64.Kg3 Qg6+ 65.Kf2 Qc2+ 66.Ke1 Qc3+ 67.Ke2 Qc4+ 68.Ke3 Qc3+ 69.Ke2 Qc2+ 70.Ke3 Qc1+ 71.Ke2 Qc2+ 72.Ke3 Qc3+ 73.Kf2 Qd2+ 74.Kg1 Qe3+ 75.Kg2 Qe2+ 76.Kg3 Qe1+ 77.Kg2 Qe2+ 78.Kg3 Qe1+ 79.Kg2 Qe2+=)* 49...Kf7]

49.Qf6

[Weaker is 49.Qxb7 Qg5+ 50.Kf1 Qc1+ 51.Ke2 Qc4+ 52.Ke3 Qc1+ 53.Ke4 Qe1+ 54.Kf5 Qxa5+ 55.Kg6 Qg5+ 56.Kh7 Qf5+ 57.Kg7 *(57.Kxh6 Qf6+ 58.Kh7 Qf5+ 59.Kh6 Qf6+ 60.Kh7 Qf5+ 61.Kh6=)* 57...Qg5+ 58.Kh8 *(58.Kh7 Qf5+ 59.Kg7 Qxf3+-)* 58...Qxh5 59.Qxc6+ Ke7 60.Qe4+ Kd8+-]

49...Qd2+ 50.Kh3 Kd7 5.28/20

[⌓50...Qd1 3.31/22 51.a6 *(51.Qxh6 Qxf3+ 52.Kh4 Qh1+ 53.Kg3 Qg1+ 54.Kf3 Qf1+ 55.Ke4 Qe2+ 56.Qe3 Qxh5=)* 51...bxa6]

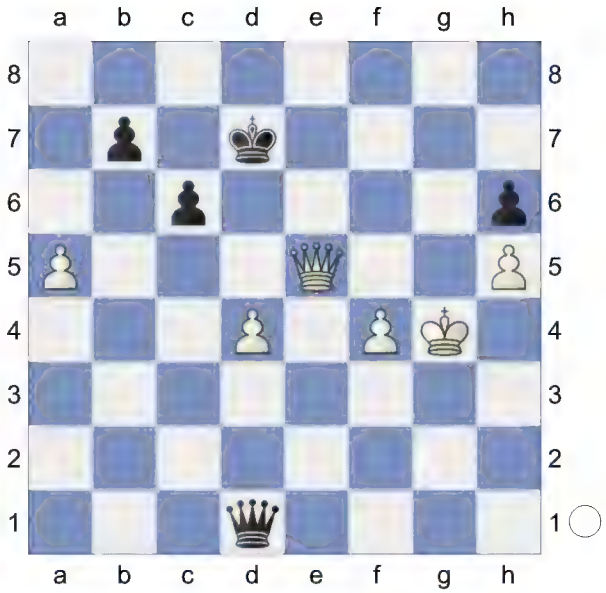
51.Qg7+ Kc8 52.Qe5 Kd7 53.f4 Qd3+ 54.Kg4 Threatens to win with Qe5-f5+. **54...Qd1+**

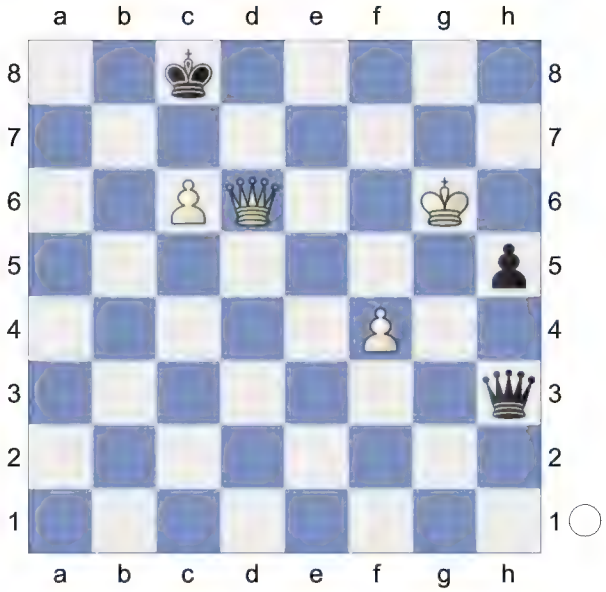
(Diagram)

55.Kf5! Qxh5+ 56.Kf6 Qf3 57.Qb8 c5 58.dxc5 h5 59.Qd6+ Kc8 60.a6 bxa6 61.Qxa6+ Kc7 62.Qd6+ Kc8 63.c6 White mates. **63...Qc3+ 64.Kg6 Qh3**

(Diagram)

65.Qd7+! Deflection, Promotion





65...Qxd7 66.cxd7+ Kxd7 67.Kxh5 Ke7 68.Kg6 Kf8 69.Kf6 Weighted Error Value: White=0.20 (precise) / Black=0.47

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B51
□ **Dubov,Daniil** 2693
■ **Nihal,Sarin** 2676
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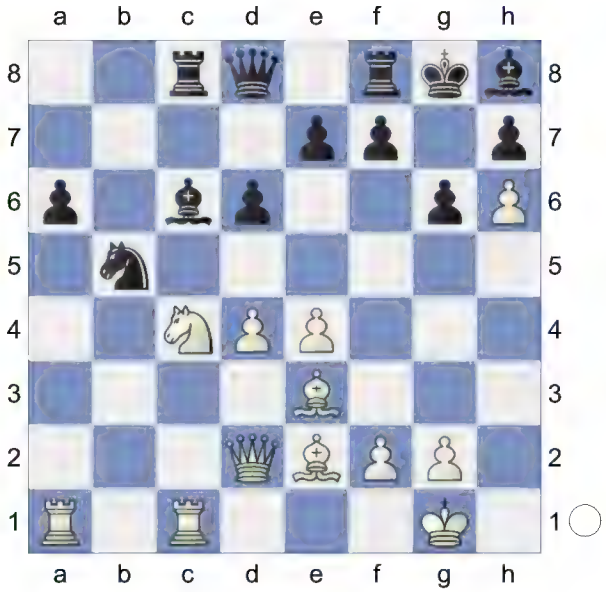
[Kitty Kat]

B51: Sicilian: Moscow Variation (3 Bb5+) without 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]
3...Nd7N
[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell,A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]
4.0-0 a6 5.Bd3 Ngf6 6.c3 Ne5 7.Be2 Nxf3+ 8.Bxf3 White is slightly better. **8...g6 9.d4 Nd7 10.Be3 Bg7 11.a4 0-0 12.a5 Rb8 13.Nd2 b5 14.axb6! cxd4 15.cxd4 Nxb6 16.Be2 Na8 17.h4 Nc7 18.h5 Rxb2** 0.75/27
[18...gxh5!= 0.27/21 19.Bxh5 Rxb2]
19.Nc4 Rb8 20.h6 White has strong compensation. **20...Bh8 21.Qd2** 0.36/24
[White should play 21.Na5± 0.91/23 Threatens to win with Na5-c6. Bb7 22.d5]
21...Bd7 0.90/22
[21...Bb7!± 0.36/24]
22.Na5± White is more active. **22...Nb5 23.Rfc1 Rc8 24.Nc4 Bc6**



25.d5! Bb7
[25...Bxa1? 26.dxc6 Bf6 27.Nb6]
26.Ra2 0.63/20
[26.Rab1!± 1.41/18]
26...e6!± 27.Na5 -0.07/20
[27.Rac2± 1.05/18]
27...Rxc1+!=
[27...Bc3? 28.Rxc3 Nxc3 29.Nxb7+-]
28.Qxc1 Nc3 29.Nxb7 Qe7 1.35/21
[29...Nxa2= 0.03/19 30.Qc4 Qb8]

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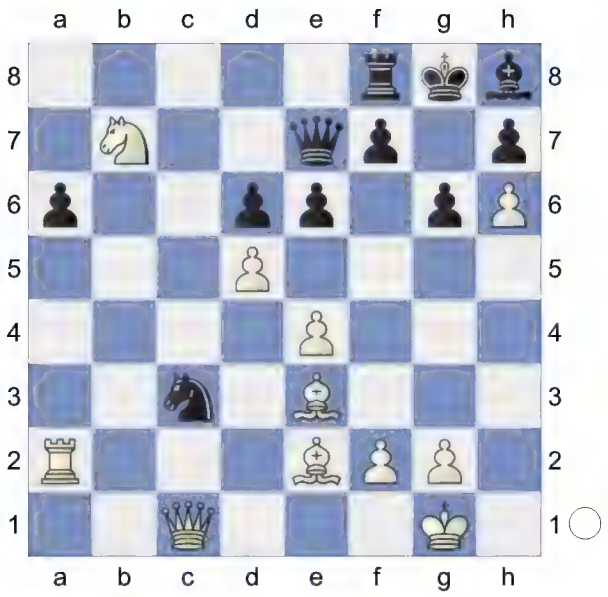
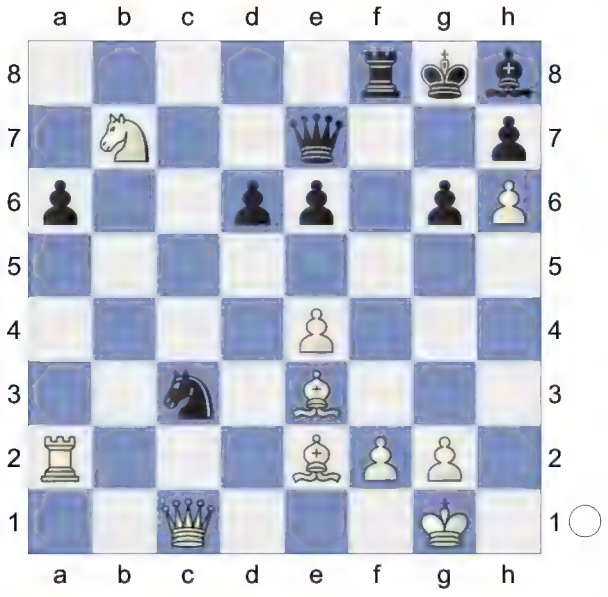
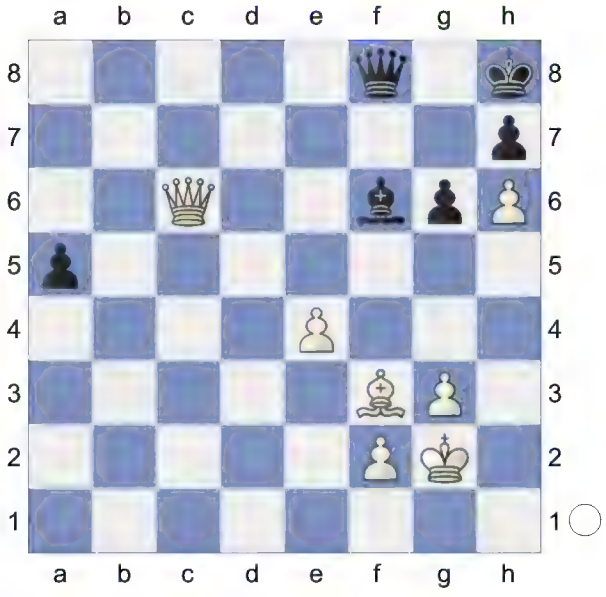


30.dxe6!± Hoping for Be2-c4! **30...fxe6**
[30...Nxa2? 31.exf7+ Rxf7 32.Qc8+ Qf8 33.Qe6+- *(33.Nxd6 Qxc8 34.Nxc8 Rc7∓)*]
[30...Qxb7 31.Bc4]

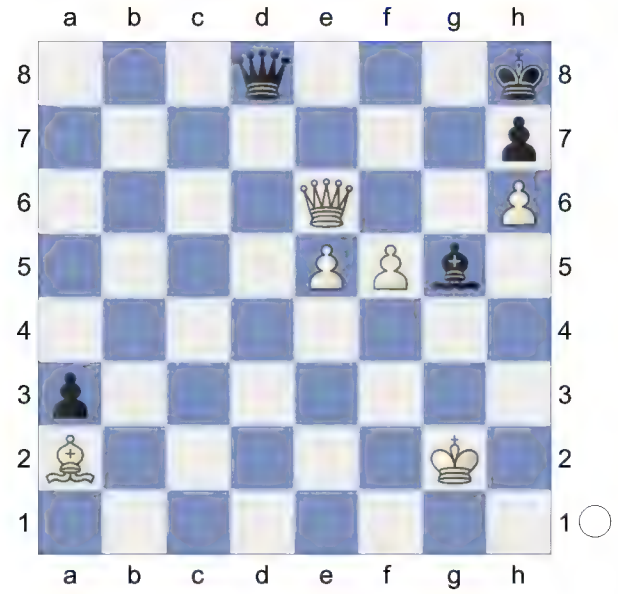


31.Bg4 0.52/16 **Nxa2±** **32.Qc4** **Bf6?** 2.61/20
[32...Re8!± 0.33/18]
33.Nxd6? 0.46/20
[33.Na5!+- 2.61/20 Nc3 34.Nc6]
33...Qxd6 **34.Bc5!** A strong pair of Bishops.
[34.Bxe6+ Kh8 35.Qxa2 Re8=]
34...Qd8! **35.Qxa2**
[35.Bxe6+ Kh8 36.Bxf8 *(36.Qxa2? Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qh5+ 38.Bh3 Qxc5-+)* 36...Qxf8=]
35...Kh8 1.05/23
[35...Re8!± 0.43/24]
36.Bxf8 0.39/22
[36.Bxe6? Qd1+ 37.Kh2 Qh5+ 38.Kg1 Qxc5-+]
[36.Qxa6 Qc8 37.Qb6 *(37.Bxf8? Qxa6 38.Bh3 Kg8-+)* 37...Re8=]
[36.Qxe6± 1.05/23 Re8 37.Qc6]
36...Qxf8 **37.Qxe6±** Endgame. KQB-KQB **37...a5**
[37...Bd4 38.Bf3± *(38.Qxa6 Qxf2+ 39.Kh2 Be5+ 40.Kh1 Qe1+)*]
38.Qc6 **Bd4** 0.68/25
[38...Bg5= 0.22/22]
39.Bf3± **Bf6** **40.g3** 0.30/20
[40.Qc1!± 0.79/23]
40...Be5 1.55/24
[40...a4!= 0.30/20 remains equal.]
41.Kg2 **Bf6**



42.Bd1! Black must now prevent f2-f4.
42...Ba1? 3.98/22
[42...Bg5± 1.19/19 was worth a try.]
43.Bb3 Strongly threatening f2-f4.

43...Qd8? 4.20/23
[43...Bf6 2.43/22 was called for. 44.Qd5 Qe8]
44.Qe6 aiming for Qe6-f7. **44...Qf8 45.f4 Bf6 46.e5 Be7 47.g4 a4 48.Bd5**
[Not 48.Bxa4 Qxf4 49.Qxe7 Qxg4+ 50.Kf2 Qd4+ 51.Ke2 Qe4+ 52.Kd2 Qd4+ 53.Ke2 Qe4+ 54.Kd2 Qd4+ 55.Kc2 Qxa4+ 56.Kd3 Qb3+ 57.Kd4 Qa4+ 58.Kc3 Qa5+ 59.Kb3 Qb5+ 60.Qb4 Qe8= *(60...Qxe5 61.Qf8#)*]
48...a3 49.Ba2? 0.13/19
[49.Bc4+- 1.96/22]
49...Bg5 Double Attack **50.f5 gxf5 51.gxf5 Qd8** 0.88/22
[51...Qa8++- 1.69/17 52.Qd5 Qf8]

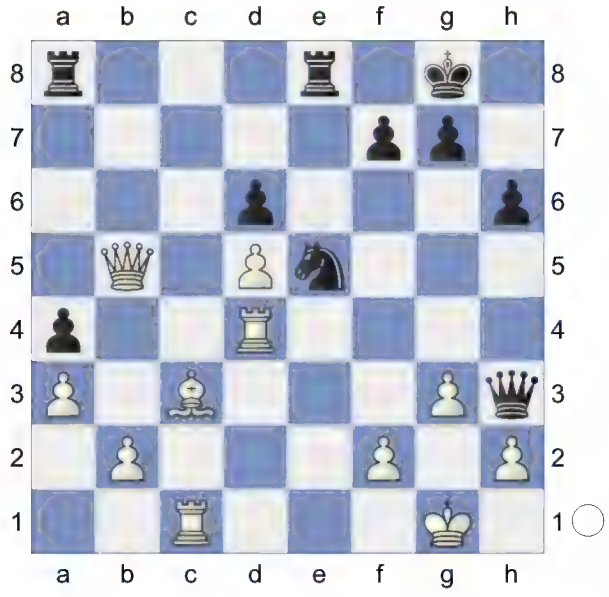


52.Kh3 0.00/43
[Better is 52.Qd5!± 0.88/22 Qd5xd8+ is the strong threat. Qe8 53.Bc4]
52...Qd3+= The position is equal. **53.Kg4 Qe4+ 54.Kxg5 Qh4+ 55.Kxh4** Black defended with fortune. Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.32
½-½

A29
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2737**
Tata Steel India Rapid (3) 13.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5N**
[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.e4 *(7.d3 d6 8.Rb1 a5 9.b3 h6 10.Bb2 Nb4 11.e4 c5 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.Bc1 b6 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nc2 Kh7 16.Nb5 Na7 17.Nc3 Nc6 18.Nb5 Na7 19.a4 Qe7 20.Nxa7 Rxa7 21.Qe2 Raa8* 1-0 Zielinski,S (2363)-Ojeda,J (2262) corr PER/Cup4/sf 10 (PER) ICCF 2022 *)* 7...d6 8.d3 h6 9.Be3 Kh7 10.h3 Nd7 11.Rc1 Nd4 12.Bxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 c5 14.h4 b5 15.cxb5 Rb8 16.a4 a6 17.b4 axb5 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.axb5 ½-½ Herrmann,M (2677)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2723) EM/M/A089 email ICCF email 2000 (2)]
[4...Bb4 5.Bg2 Bxc3 6.bxc3 0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.Ne1 e4 9.f3 d5 10.cxd5 Qxd5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nd3 Bf5 *(12...Qd6 13.Qa4 Ng5 14.Ba3 Qh6 15.h4 Nh3+ 16.Kh2 Rxe2 17.Rae1 Rxe1 18.Nxe1 Qxd2 19.Qc2 Qxc2 20.Nxc2 Be6 21.Bxh3 Bxa2 22.Bg2 Rd8 23.Re1 Be6 24.Bxc6 Rd2+ 25.Kg1 bxc6 26.Nd4 Rd3 27.Kf2* Malakhov,V (2692)-Huzman,A (2602) 105/(9) Budva 2009 *)* 13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.axb3 Bg6 15.b4 Nd6 16.Nf4 Be4 17.Bh3 a5 18.d3 Bg6 19.bxa5 1-0 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2694)-Hebel,E (2578) 55/467 Ter Apel 1992]
5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Bc5 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 h6 9.Nxd5 Qxd5 10.a3 a5 11.Bd2 The position is equal. **11...Qe6**

12.Rc1 Qe7 13.Bc3 a4 14.Nd2 Rd8 15.Qc2 Bd6
[15...Ra6 seems wilder. 16.Be4 Bh3 17.Rfe1 Qe6]
16.e3 Bf5 17.Rfd1 Qe6 18.Nc4 Bh3 19.Bxh3 Qxh3 20.d4 exd4 21.exd4 Re8
[21...Qg4 simplifies 22.Ne3 Qg6 23.d5 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Na7]
22.d5
[22.Qd3 simplifies Qd7 23.Qf3 Rad8 24.Rc2]
22...Ne7 23.Nxd6 cxd6 24.Rd4 b5 25.Qd3 Ng6 1.22/23
[Black should try 25...Rab8± 0.49/23]
26.Qxb5± Ne5

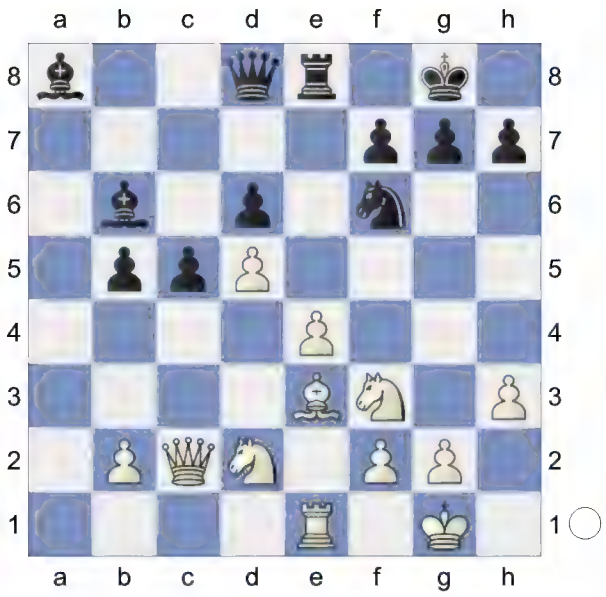


27.Qe2 Inhibits Ne5-f3+. Active counter play!
[27.Rxa4? leads to mate. Nf3+ 28.Kh1 Qxh2#]
27...Qf5 28.Rf4 Prevents Ne5-f3+ **28...Qd7** 2.10/19
[28...Qd3± 1.14/19 29.Qd1 Rec8]
29.Re4 Rac8? 3.40/21
[29...f5 1.62/20 30.Rb4 Kf8 31.Bxe5 Rxe5]
30.Re1+- Red8 31.Bxe5 dxe5 32.Rxe5 Qb7 33.Rd1 Qb3 34.d6 White is clearly winning. **34...Qc2 35.Qxc2 Rxc2 36.d7** Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.32
1-0

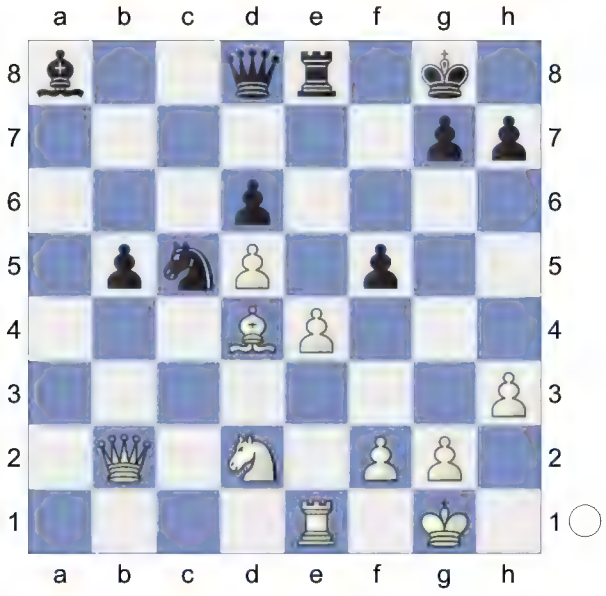
C78
□ **Vidit,S.** **2739**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
Tata Steel India Rapid (4) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3 0-0 7.d4 Ba7**
[7...Bb6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 d6 10.h3 g5 11.Nxg5 hxg5 12.Bxg5 Kh7 13.Bxc6 Rg8 14.f4 bxc6 15.Qe1 Rxg5 16.fxg5 Ng8 17.Rxf7+ Kg6 18.Rf3 exd4 19.Kh1 Qe7 20.Nd2 dxc3 21.bxc3 Be6 22.Qh4 1-0 Panov Botvinnik Attack (2784)-Deslandes,P (2835) 3.--- 1990 (7)]
8.Re1N
[8.dxe5 Nxe4 9.Qd5 Nc5=]
[8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 exd4 10.Re1 d6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Nxd4 Bd7 13.Nd2 Re8 14.Qf3 g5 15.Bg3 Bg4 16.Qd3 Qd7 17.h3 Bh5 18.Qc4 c5 19.Nf5 d5 20.Nxh6+ Kh7 21.exd5 Kxh6 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 0-1 Urazayev,A (2460)-Nabaty,T (2645) Kazakhstan Cup Astana 2023 (5)]
8...b5 9.Bc2 d6 10.h3 White is slightly better. **10...Bb7 11.Be3 exd4 12.cxd4 Nb4 13.Nbd2 Nxc2 14.Qxc2 c5 15.d5**
[15.dxc5 Rc8=]
15...Re8 16.a4 Bb6 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Bxa8

(Diagram)



19.b4 0.23/22 Repels Bb6-a5 **19...Nd7** 0.61/21
[19...cxb4= 0.23/22 20.Bxb6 Qxb6]
20.Qb2 0.13/22
[20.Qb1± 0.61/21]
20...f5!= 21.bxc5 Bxc5 22.Nd4 Bxd4 1.49/18
[22...fxe4= 0.08/20 23.Ne6 *(23.Qxb5 Bxd5 24.Rd1 Qc7=)* 23...Qe7]
23.Bxd4±
[23.Qxd4 Qf6±]
23...Nc5

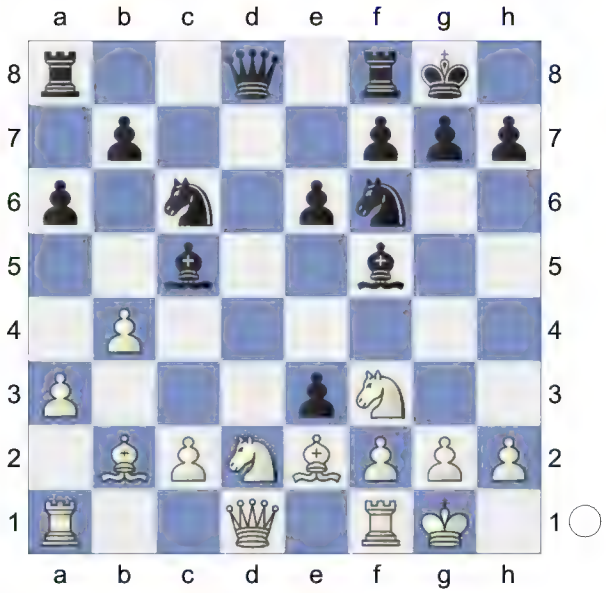


24.Re3↑ Wards off Nc5-d3. Keeping Black busy. White is more active.
[Stronger than 24.Bxg7 Nd3 25.Qxb5 Nxe1∓]
[Don't play 24.Qxb5 Bxd5 25.Rd1 *(25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Qxc5 fxe4±)* 25...Bxe4±]
24...Qd7 25.Rg3 1.03/22
[White should try 25.f3 1.40/21]
25...g6 26.exf5 Qxf5 27.Qxb5 Rf8 28.Nf1 0.19/23
[28.Be3± 0.92/18]
28...Ne6 0.55/23 **29.Be3± Qxd5 30.Qb2 Qe5** Wards off Be3-h6 **31.Qxe5** 0.12/17
[31.Qb4± 0.60/19]
31...dxe5= The position is equal. **32.Bh6 Rc8 33.Ra3 Nd8 34.Ne3 Nf7 35.Ng4** Threatens to win with Ng4-f6+. **35...Nxh6 36.Nxh6+** Endgame. KRB-KRN **36...Kg7 37.Ng4 Bd5 38.Ra7+ Kh8 39.Nf6 Bg8 40.g4** g4-g5 is the strong threat. **40...g5 41.Re7 h6 42.Rxe5 Rf8 43.Ne4 Bh7 44.Nd6 Bg6 45.Re7 Rd8 46.Re6 Kg7 47.Kg2 Rf8 48.Re7+ Kf6 49.Ra7 Rb8 50.Ra6** And now Nd6-e8+ would win. **50...Kg7 51.f3 Bd3 52.Ra3 Rb2+ 53.Kg3 Bf1 54.Nf5+ Kf6 55.Ne3** Inhibits Rb2-g2+.
[55.Nxh6? Rg2#]
55...Bb5 56.Ra8 Strongly threatening Ra8-h8. **56...Rb3 57.Kf2 Rb2+ 58.Kg1 Rb1+ 59.Kg2 Rb2+ 60.Kg3** Black must now prevent Ra8-h8. **60...Rb3 61.Rf8+ Kg7 62.Rb8 Rxe3 63.Rxb5** KR-KR **63...Re7 64.h4 Kg6 65.Rb6+ Kg7 66.h5 Rf7 67.Rg6+ Kh7 68.Kf2 Rf8 69.Re6 Rf7 70.Ke3 Kg7 71.Rg6+ Kh7 72.Ra6 Kg7 73.Ra3 Rf4 74.Ra7+ Kg8 75.Rd7 Kh8 76.Rd4 Rf7 77.Ke4 Rf4+ 78.Ke3 Rf7 79.Rd5 Kg7 80.Rf5 Ra7 81.f4 gxf4+ 82.Kxf4 Kh7 83.Rf6 Rg7 84.Rd6 Rg5 85.Rd7+ Kh8 86.Rf7 Rg8 87.Rf5 Kh7**

88.g5 Rxg5 89.Rxg5 hxg5+ 90.Kxg5 KP-K **90...Kh8 91.h6 Kh7 92.Kh5 Kh8 93.Kg6 Kg8 94.h7+ Kh8 95.Kh6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

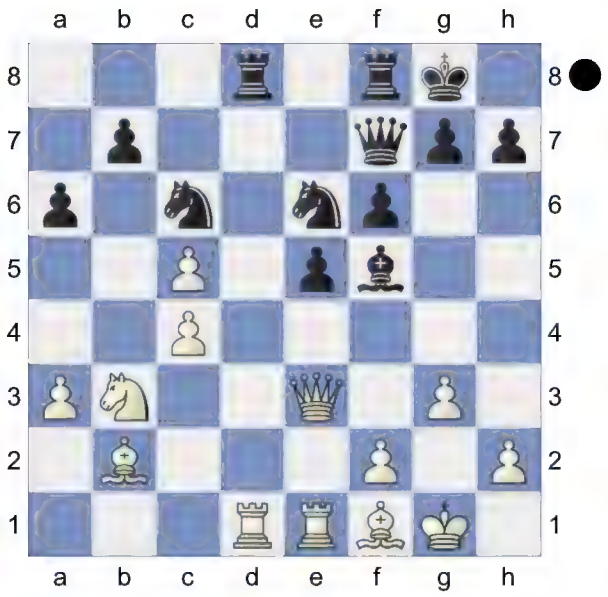
A06
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
Tata Steel India Rapid (4) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A06: Réti Opening: 1 Nf3 d5 **1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 c5 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 a6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Be2**
[6.Nbd2 cxd4 7.Nxd4 e6 8.Be2 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 e5 12.Bb2 Be6 13.cxd5 Bxd5 14.Nc4 Re8 15.Nxd6 Qxd6 16.Qd2 Qe6 17.Rfd1 h6 18.Rac1 Rac8 19.h3 Qf5 20.Bg4 Qg6 0-1 Nihal,S (2670)-Gukesh,D (2725) Tata Steel India Blitz Kalkata 2022 (4)]
6...Bf5N
[6...Bg4 7.0-0 e6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Nbd2 Rc8 10.c4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc5 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rfd1 dxc4 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Qxc4 Rc6 18.Qc3 e5 19.Qd3 0-0 20.Rac1 Rfc8 21.Ng3 1-0 Larino Nieto,D (2466)-Mirzoev,A (2471) Cali Valle Colombia op-A 2022 (3)]
[6...cxd4 7.Nxd4 Qc7 8.Nxc6 *(8.0-0 e5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.c4 Bd6 11.Qc1 Qd7 12.Ba3 0-0 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.Qa3 Qe6 16.Nc3 Rd8 17.Rfd1 h5 18.Qa5 Bb7 19.Na4 Rd6 20.Nc5 Qe7 21.Rac1 Bc8 22.Qa3 Bg4* 0-1 Artemiev,V (2701)-Salem,A (2677) Speed Chess Q2 Chess.com INT blitz 2022 (6))
8...bxc6 9.0-0 e6 10.c4 Bd6 11.h3 0-0 12.Nc3 Bb7 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Qc2 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Bb8 16.Bf3 e5 17.e4 d4 18.Na4 Rcd8 19.c5 Bc8 20.Rb1 g5 21.Nb6 0-1 Koutsogiannopoulou,T (2502)-Pedersen,P (2694) FRA-chT Top 16 GP Haute Pori Barcares 2005 (6.1) Be6 22.Bc1 g4 23.hxg4 Nxg4 24.Bxg4 Bxg4 25.f3 Be6 26.Bh6 Rfe8 27.Qd2 Kh8 28.Bg5 f6 29.Bh4 Rg8 30.Kf2 Rdf8 31.b4 Qg7 32.g3 f5 33.Re1 Bc7 34.Ke2 fxe4 35.fxe4 Bg4+ 36.Kd3 0-1 Maksimovic,B (2502)-Nihal,S (2694) EU-Cup 38th Durres 2023 (6.1)]
7.0-0 e6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3 0-0 10.Nbd2 d4 11.b4 -0.78/21
[11.Nxd4= 0.03/23 Nxd4 12.exd4 Bxd4 13.c3]
11...dxe3∓



Discovered Attack **12.bxc5 exd2 13.Nxd2 Qe7 14.Nb3 Rad8 15.Qc1 e5 16.Re1 Nd5 17.Bf1 f6 18.g3 Qf7 19.c4 Nc7 20.Qe3 Ne6 21.Rad1**

(Diagram)

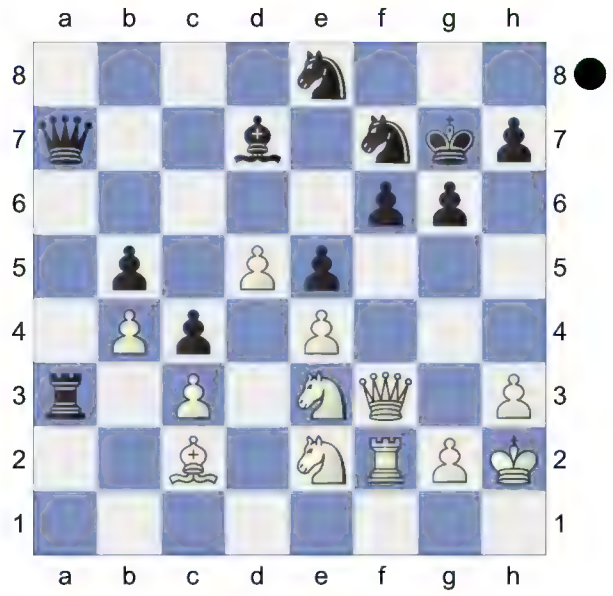


Ned4 -0.15/20 **22.Nxd4= exd4 23.Qf4**
[23.Bxd4? too greedy. Rfe8 24.Qc3 Rxe1 25.Rxe1 Rxd4-+ *(25...Nxd4? 26.Bg2-+)*]
23...Be6 24.Bxd4 Bxc4 25.Bxc4 Qxc4 26.Be3 Qb3 27.Rb1 Qf7 28.Red1 Rxd1+ 29.Rxd1 Qb3 30.Rd6 Qxa3 31.Qc4+ Kh8 32.Kg2 a5 33.h4 Qb4 34.Qd5 a4 35.Rd7 The position is equal. **35...Qb3** And now ...Qb3xd5+ would win. **36.Qd6 Kg8** Strongly threatening ...h7-h6.
[Wrong is 36...Rf7? 37.Rd8+ Nxd8 38.Qxd8++-]
37.Qc7 Rf7 38.Qc8+ Rf8 39.Qc7 Rf7 40.Qc8+ Rf8 Weighted Error Value: White=0.08 (flawless) /Black=0.08 (flawless)
½-½

C86
□ **Narayanan,SL.** **2647**
■ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**
Tata Steel India Rapid (4) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C86: Closed Ruy Lopez: Worrall Attack
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Qe2
[6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 *(8.a3 0-0 9.Nc3 Na5 10.Ba2 c5 11.Bg5 Be6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Nd5 Nc6 14.c3 g6 15.a4 Bg7 16.Ne3 Bd7 17.Bd5 Qc7 18.Qb3 Rab8 19.axb5 axb5 20.Ra6 Ne7 21.Rfa1 Nc8 22.h3 h6* 1-0 Jiang,L (2352)-Wongso,S (2069) Las Vegas 1000 GM op 2023 (1)*)* 8...0-0 9.Nbd2 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 Bd7 13.b3 g6 14.Re1 Nh5 15.Nf1 Nb7 16.Bh6 Ng7 17.a4 Rfb8 18.Qd2 Nd8 19.b4 f6 20.bxc5 dxc5 ½-½ Carlsen,M (2690)-Kramnik,V (2766) (blindfold) Monaco 2007 (9)]
6...d6 7.c3 0-0 8.Rd1N
[8.d4 b5 9.Bc2 Bg4 10.d5 Nb8 11.a4 Bd7 12.axb5 Bxb5 13.c4 Bd7 14.h3 Re8 15.Nc3 c5 16.Nh2 Bc8 17.f4 exf4 18.Bxf4 Bf8 19.Qd3 Nh5 20.Bd2 g6 21.Qf3 Ra7 22.g4 Ng7 0-1 Mulla,M-6. ♘h3 ♘f6 7. ♘f4 ♘bd7 Paris 1858 23.Ba4 Nd7 24.Qxf7+ Kh8 25.Bc6 Rc7 26.Bh6 Nf5 27.Bg5 Be7 28.gxf5 Bxg5 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Qxg6 Rg8 31.Qh5+ Bh6+ 32.Ng4 Ne5 33.Kf2 Nxg4+ 34.hxg4 Rh7 35.Rh1 Qf6+ 0-1 Merino Rey,J-Fortuny,M Cht II Div corr 1989]
8...Bd7 9.Bb3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 b5 13.b3 g6 14.Nbd2 Nb7 15.Nf1 White is slightly better. **15...Nh5 16.Bh6 Ng7** 0.90/19
[16...Rfb8± 0.54/18]

17.Ng3 f6 18.a4 Rfb8 19.axb5 0.34/19
[19.Ra2± 0.78/21]
19...axb5± 20.Bd3 Qb6
[20...c4 21.Rxa8 *(21.bxc4 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 bxc4+-)* 21...Rxa8 22.bxc4±]
21.b4 -0.22/23
[21.h4± 0.36/20]
21...c4= 22.Bc2 Nd8 23.Nd2 Qb7 24.Be3 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Ra8
Dodges Ra1-a7 **26.Rf1 Ra3 27.f4 Nf7**
[27...Rxc3?! 28.Nb1 Rxe3 *(28...Bg4 29.Qf2±)* 29.Qxe3±]
28.fxe5 -1.10/22
[28.f5= -0.16/19 remains equal.]
28...dxe5∓
[28...Rxc3 29.exf6 Bd8 30.Kh1±]
29.Nb1 -1.54/20
[⌓29.Bc5 -0.85/18 Bxc5+ *(29...Rxc3 30.Nb1±)* 30.bxc5]
29...Ra2 30.h3 -1.98/19 Prevents f6-f5.
[30.Bc5∓ -1.55/18 h5 31.Qd2 *(31.Bxe7? Bg4∓* Discovered Attack *)*]
30...Ne8 -1.34/20
[30...f5-+ -1.98/19 Threatens to win with ...f5-f4. 31.Bc5 Bh4]
31.Bc5 Ned6 32.Kh2 -1.99/23
[32.Qd1∓ -1.11/20]
32...Qa8 -1.10/17
[32...f5-+ -1.99/23 Strongly threatening ...f5-f4. 33.Qd1 *(33.exf5? too greedy. Bxf5 34.Nxf5 Nxf5-+)* 33...f4]
33.Rf2 -1.53/22
[⌓33.Qd1 -1.10/17]
33...Qd8 34.Qd1 Bf8 35.Be3 Bh6 36.Bxh6 Nxh6 37.Nd2 Kg7 38.Ndf1 -1.40/20
[Better is 38.Ngf1 -1.02/23]
38...Nhf7 39.Qf3 -2.31/23
[39.Ne3∓ -1.29/26]
39...Ra3 40.Qe3 Qa8 41.Qf3 Ne8
Active counter play! **42.Ne2** -3.00/18
[42.Qe3 -1.99/21 was worth a try.]
42...Qa7-+ 43.Ne3



Ng5! 44.Qg3 Nd6 45.Nf4 -4.65/22
[⌓45.Rf1 -3.10/18]
45...Rxc3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.35/Black=0.13 (very precise)
[45...exf4? 46.Qxf4 Ne8 *(46...Rxc3 47.Qxf6+ Kh6 48.Qf8+ Kh5 49.g4+ Bxg4 50.hxg4+ Kh4 51.Qh6#)* 47.e5 Rxc3 48.Re2∓]
0-1

A15

□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2737**
Tata Steel India Rapid (4) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A17: English Opening: 1...Nf6 with ...Bb4
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bd6
[4...Be7 5.b3 0-0 6.Bb2 c6 7.g3 Nbd7 8.Bg2 Re8 9.0-0 Bf8 10.d3 a5 11.a3 b6 12.Qc2 Ba6 13.Rfd1 Rc8 14.Rac1 Qc7 15.Qb1 Qb8 16.Ne2 e5 17.d4 e4 18.Ne5 Bd6 19.Nxd7 1-0 Moussard,J (2606)-Gurel,

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5.b3 0-0N

[5...b6 6.Bb2 0-0 7.Rc1 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.d4 Bb7 10.Be2 Nbd7 11.0-0 Rc8 12.Re1 Qe7 13.Bf1 Qe6 14.Ne2 Ne4 15.Nf4 Bxf4 16.exf4 Qd6 17.g3 Rfe8 18.Ne5 f6 19.Ng4 Qf8 20.Ne3 1-0 6.♔f1 ♘c6 (2397)-Lanica,L (2265) DSB Kongress-16 Hauptturnier A_231737 Düsseldorf 1908 (5) Qf7 21.Nf5 Rc6 22.Qg4 Kh8 23.f3 h5 24.Qxg7+ Qxg7 25.Nxg7 Kxg7 26.fxe4 dxe4 27.Bb5 Rd6 28.dxc5 bxc5 29.Red1 Bd5 30.Bc4 Nb6 31.Bxd5 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Nxd5 33.Rxc5 Nb4 34.Kf1 Nd3 35.Rc7+ 0-1 Shevchenko,K (2632)-Vitiugov,N (2727) FIDE Grand Swiss Riga 2021 (4) Kg6 36.Ba3 h4 37.Ke2 Kf5 38.Rxa7 hxg3 39.hxg3 Rg8 40.Ra5+ Kg4 41.f5 Kxg3 42.Ke3 Re8 43.Ra4 Nf2 44.Bd6+ Kg2 45.Rd4 Rh8 46.Rd2 Rh3+ 47.Ke2 Ng4 48.Bc5 Ne5 49.Rd4 Rc3 50.b4 1-0 6.♔f1 ♘c6 (2397)-Lanica,L (2265) DSB Kongress-16 Hauptturnier A Düsseldorf 1908 (5) Nd3 51.Kd2 Ra3 52.Rxe4 Ne5 53.Bd4 Nf3+ 54.Ke2 Nxd4+ 55.Rxd4 Rxa2+ 56.Kd3 Rf2 57.b5 Rxf5 58.Rb4 Re5 59.b6 Re8 60.Rf4 Re6 61.Rb4 Re8 62.b7 Rb8 63.Ke4 1-0 Kambrath,Y (2397)-Fischer,D (2265) Cattolica Halloween op 2021 (5)]

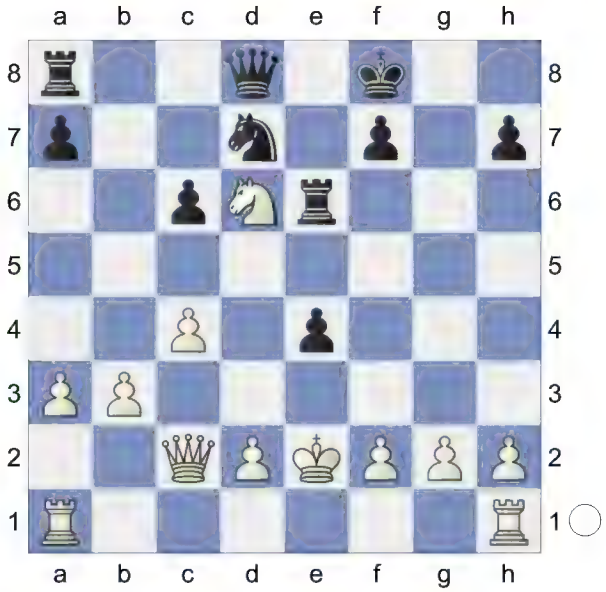
6.Bb2 Nc6 7.a3 d4 8.Nxd4 White is slightly better. **8...Nxd4 9.exd4 Re8 10.Qc2 e5 11.d5 c6 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Be2** -0.05/20

[13.d3± 0.43/21]

13...e4!= 14.Nd1 Bg4! 15.Ne3 Bxe2 16.Kxe2 Nd7 17.Bxg7! Decoy **17...Kxg7** 0.18/15

[⌓17...Qh4! -0.27/21 18.Bb2 Rad8]

18.Nf5+ Kf8 19.Nxd6 Re6



20.Nf5 -0.32/23

[20.Nxe4? f5 21.Rhe1 Nc5-+ *(21...Rxe4+? 22.Kf1-+)*]

[20.c5!± 0.92/24]

20...Qg5∓ 21.Ne3 -0.62/20 Repels Qg5-g4+

[21.Ng3= -0.23/20 feels stronger.]

21...f5 -0.22/19

[21...Rd8∓ -0.62/20 was preferrable.]

22.h4= Qh5+ 23.g4! fxg4 24.Rag1 Nf6 Black has compensation. **25.Rg3 Rd8 26.Qc3! Rd3 27.Qb4+ Kf7 28.Qb8 Red6 29.Rd1 Qa5** 0.82/18

[29...Qxh4? 30.Nf5+- *(30.Qxa7+ Ke6=; 30.Qxa7+ Kg6=)*]

[29...Qe5!± 0.31/19 30.Qxa7+ Rd7]

30.b4±

[30.Nxg4? Rxd2+ 31.Rxd2 Qxd2+ 32.Kf1 Nxg4 33.Qxa7+ Ke6-+ *(33...Rd7? 34.Qc5-+)*]

30...Qxa3 31.Nf5 0.00/24

[31.Nxg4 Rxg3 32.Ne5+ Ke6-+]

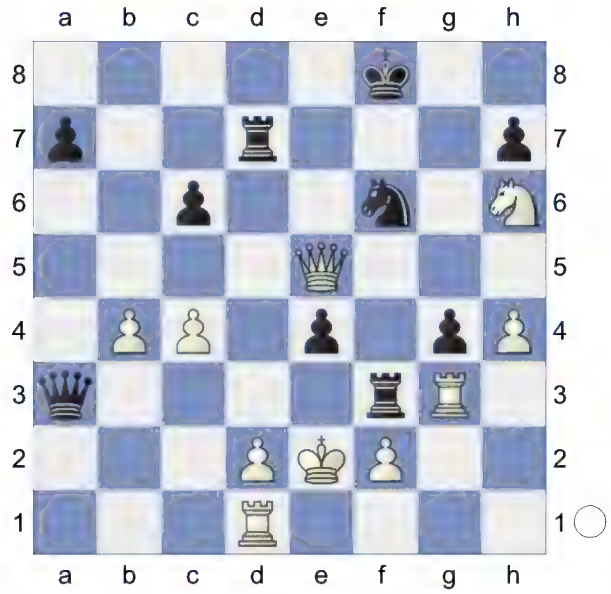
[31.Qc7+± 0.70/21 Rd7 32.Qxc6 Qxb4 33.Nd5 *(33.Nxg4? Rxd2+ 34.Rxd2 Qxd2+ 35.Kf1 Nxg4-+)* 33...R3xd5 *(33...Qd6 34.Qxd6 Rxd6*

35.Nxf6±) 34.cxd5 Rxd5 35.Re3 *(35.Rxg4? Rc5-+)*]

31...Rd7 0.81/22

[31...Rxg3!= 0.00/24 32.fxg3 *(32.Qxd6? Qf3+* Skewer, Deflection, Double Attack *33.Kf1 Qxd1#; 32.Nxd6+ Kg6=)* 32...Qf3+ 33.Ke1 Rd7]

32.Qe5 Dancing on a razor blade. White is more active. **32...Rf3** Hoping for ... Qa3-d3+. **33.Nh6+ Kf8**



...Qa3-d3+ is the strong threat. **34.Qxf6+** 0.26/17 **Rxf6= 35.Rxa3** The position is equal. **35...Rxh6±** Endgame. KRR-KRR **36.Rda1 Rxh4 37.Rxa7 Ke7 38.Ke3 h5 39.c5 Rh2 40.Rxd7+ Kxd7=** KR-KR **41.Ra7+ Ke6 42.Rc7 Kd5 43.Rd7+ Kc4 44.Rd4+ Kb5! 45.Rxe4 Rh3+ 46.Ke2 Rb3 47.Re8 Rxb4 48.Ke3**

[48.Rh8 Re4+ *(48...Kxc5 49.Rxh5+ Kd6 50.Rh6+ Kd5 51.Rh5+ Ke6 52.Rh6+ Kd5 53.Rh5+ Kd6 54.Ke3=)* 49.Kf1 Re5]

48...h4 49.Rh8 h3

[49...Kxc5 50.Rxh4 Kd5 51.Rh5+ Kd6 52.Rh8]

50.f3 gxf3 ...Rb4-b3+ would now be deadly. **51.Rxh3 Kxc5 52.Rh5+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.11 (very precise)

½-½

D31

□ **So,W.** **2747**

■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**

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[Kitty Kat]

D46: Semi-Slav: 5 e3 Nbd7 6 Bd3, Black avoids the Meran **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nd7 5.Qc2**

[5.Nf3 f5 6.Bd3 Nh6 7.b3 Bd6 8.Bb2 0-0 9.0-0 Rf6 10.Qc2 Nf7 11.Nd2 e5 12.Bxf5 e4 13.Bxh7+ Kxh7 14.cxd5 Rg6 15.Ndxe4 Nf6 16.Nxf6+ Qxf6 17.f4 Nh6 18.Ne4 Qf5 19.dxc6 Be7 0-1 Aronian,L (2825)-Morozevich,A (2769) Moscow Tal Memorial 7th 2012 (5) 20.c7 Rc6 21.Qb1 Rxc7 22.Nc3 Qxb1 23.Raxb1 Rd7 24.Rbd1 b6 25.e4 Bb7 26.h3 Ng8 27.e5 Rc8 28.d5 Bb4 29.e6 Rdd8 30.Ne4 Rxd5 31.Ng5+ Kg6 32.Rxd5 Bxd5 33.Rd1 Ne7 34.Bd4 Rc2 0-1 Aronian,L (2782)-Nakamura,H (2736) chess24.com (Internet-m/1-rapid) 2021]

5...Bd6N

[5...Nh6 6.e4 *(6.Bd2 f5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bd6 9.0-0-0 Nb6 10.h3 Be6 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.Ne2 0-0-0 13.Nf4 Bd7 14.Ba5 Kb8 15.Qb3 Bc7 16.Bc2 Nf7 17.Nd3 Bc8 18.Nc5 g5 19.Kb1 Rde8 20.Rhe1 h5* ½-½ Andreikin,D (2722)-Karjakin,S (2767) Baku FIDE GP 2014 (11)) 6...e5 7.Nf3 exd4 8.Nxd4 dxc4 9.Nf3 b5 10.a4 Bb4 11.Be2 Nc5 12.Bxh6 gxh6 13.0-0 0-0 14.axb5

Bxc3 15.Qxc3 cxb5 16.Qe5 Qb6 17.Rfd1 f6 18.Qf4 Bb7 19.Rd6 Qc7 20.Nd4 0-1 Campos (2718)-Ernst,H (2810) Spanish ch prelim3 1979 (2)]

6.Bd3 Ngf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 a6 10.e4 e5 11.Rd1 Qc7 12.h3 b5 13.Bb3 White is slightly better. **13...Bb7 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nd4**

[15.Nh4 simplifies c5 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 g6 19.Bf4]

15...Ng6 aiming for ...c6-c5.

[15...Rfd8!?]

16.Nf5 Bh2+ 17.Kh1 Be5 18.Bg5 c5 White must now prevent ...c5-c4. **19.Bd5**

[19.Bxf6 simplifies Bxf6 20.Bd5 Ne7 21.Bxb7 Qxb7 22.Nxe7+ Qxe7 23.Nd5]

19...c4 1.53/24

[19...Bxc3!± 0.38/23 20.Qxc3 b4 21.Qxf6 gxf6 22.Nh6+ Kg7 23.Nf5+ Kg8 24.Nh6+ Kg7 25.Nf5+ Kg8]

20.a4 0.55/21 White is much more active.

[White should try 20.Bxb7± 1.53/24 Qxb7 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nd5]

20...Nxd5!± 21.Nxd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 f6 1.65/24 White leaves nothing to chance now.

[22...Bd6± 0.68/21]

23.d6 0.57/22

[23.Be3+- 1.65/24]

23...Qd7 1.62/22

[23...Bxd6!± 0.57/22 24.Nxd6 fxg5]

24.Be3+- And now a4xb5 would win.

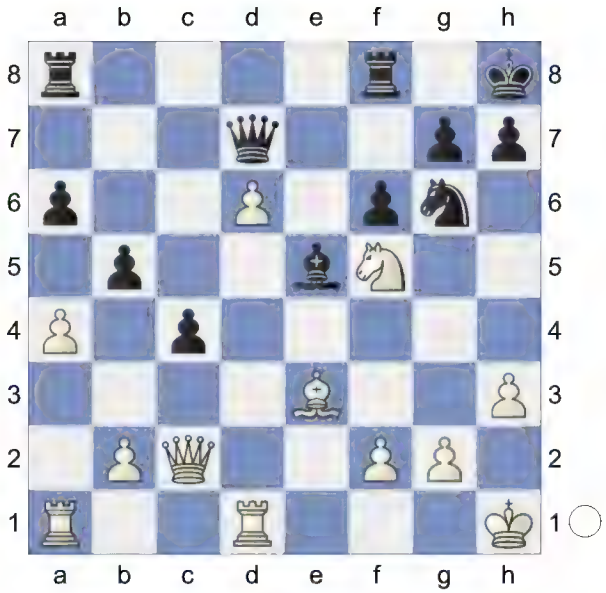
24...Kh8 2.27/20

[24...Rfd8 1.79/19 might work better. 25.axb5 Qxb5]

(Diagram)

25.axb5! axb5 3.44/22

[25...Qxb5 2.13/19 was called for.

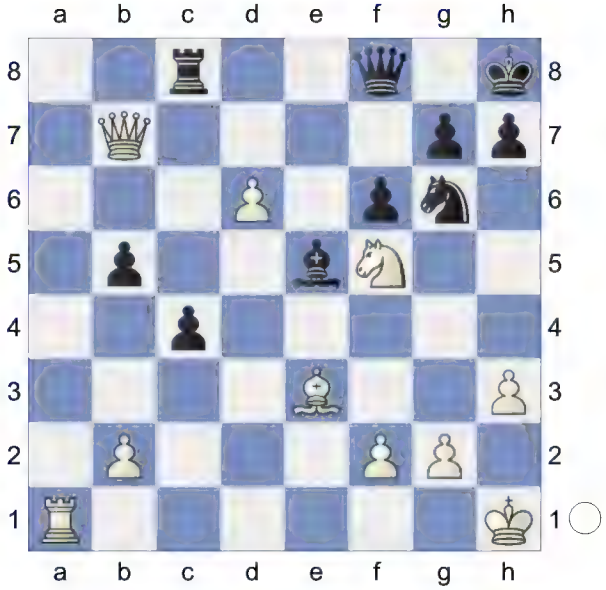


26.Ra4 Rac8]

26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Qe4 Rc8 28.Ra1 Ra1-a7 would now be deadly. **28...Qd8**

29.Qb7 Qf8 9.79/21

[29...Qg8 3.66/23 30.Ra7 *(30.Qxb5 Rb8±)* 30...Rf8]



30.Bh6! White is clearly winning.

30...gxh6 31.Ra7

[31.Qxb5? perishes. Bxd6 32.Ra6 Bc5 33.Qxc4 Bxf2-+]

31...Qg8 32.Nxh6

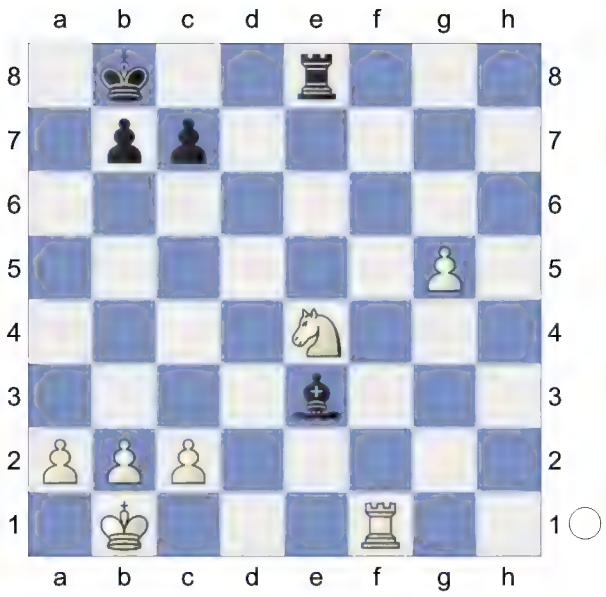
[Worse is 32.Qxb5 Nf4 33.g3

(33.Qb7? Rb8-+) 33...Rb8= *(33...Nxh3 34.Re7=)*]
32...Rb8 33.Qc7 Bxd6 34.Nf7+ Kg7 35.Nxd6+ Discovered Attack (Check) **35...Kh6 36.Nf7+ Kg7 37.Nd8+ Kh6 38.Qxb8** White wants to mate with Nd8-f7+. **38...Qd5 39.Nf7+** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) / Black=0.36
1-0

C42
□ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**
■ **So,W.** **2747**
Tata Steel India Rapid (5) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Nxe4 4.Qe2 Qe7 5.Qxe4 d6 6.d4 dxe5 7.dxe5 Nc6 8.Nc3** Hoping for Bf1-b5. **8...Qxe5 9.Qxe5+ Nxe5** White is slightly better. **10.Bf4 f6**
[10...Bd6 11.Bg3 h5 12.h4 Bg4 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.0-0-0 Bxe2 15.Nxe2 Rhe8 16.Rhe1 Ng4 17.Bxd6 Nxf2 18.Rd5 Rxd6 19.Rxd6 cxd6 20.Kd2 Ne4+ 21.Kd1 Nf6 22.Rf1 Re4 23.g3 Kd7 24.Rf5 Re5 25.Rf3 ½-½ Caruana,F (2823)-Van Foreest,J (2671) Tata Steel 83rd Wijk aan Zee 2021 (1)]
11.0-0-0 Bd7 12.Nb5N
[12.Bxe5 fxe5 13.Bb5 c6 14.Rhe1 0-0-0 15.Bc4 b5 16.Bb3 Bc5 17.Ne4 Be7 18.f3 Kc7 19.c3 Bf5 20.Bc2 Rxd1+ 21.Kxd1 Rd8+ 22.Ke2 h6 23.Bd3 a5 24.Rc1 a4 25.a3 Bg5 26.Rc2 Be7 1-0 Grube,J (2775)-Schneiders,H (2368) Gonfreville op 1979 (1.21) 27.c4 Kb6 28.Nf2 Be6 29.Ne4 Bf5 30.cxb5 cxb5 31.g4 Be6 32.Nc3 Bb3 33.Rc1 b4 34.axb4 Bxb4 35.Ne4 Be7 36.h3 Rb8 37.Nd2 Bg5 38.Nxb3 Bxc1 39.Nxc1 Ka5 40.Kd2 Rxb2+ 41.Bc2 a3 1-0 Giri,A (2775)-Riehle,M (2368) Julius Baer Play In Chess.com INT rapid 2023 (1.21)]
12...0-0-0 13.Nxa7+ Kb8 14.Nb5 Bc5 15.f3 g5 16.Bxe5 fxe5 17.Nc3 g4 18.fxg4 Be3+ 19.Kb1 Threatens to win with Bf1-e2. **19...Bc6**
[19...Bxg4? loses. 20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Bd3+-]
20.Rxd8+ Rxd8 21.Bd3

Strongly threatening Rh1-e1! **21...Bxg2** This pair of bishops is nice. **22.Re1 Bf4 23.h4** g4-g5! would now be deadly. **23...h6 24.Rg1 Bf3** 1.97/25 Loses the game.
[24...Bc6!= 0.27/21 and Black is okay.]
25.g5+- Black must now prevent g5-g6. **25...hxg5** 2.17/20
[25...Rg8 1.75/22 keeps fighting.]
26.hxg5 e4 27.Bxe4 Bxe4 3.48/25
[⌓27...Be3 2.46/20]
28.Nxe4 Endgame. KRB-KRN **28...Be3 29.Rf1 Re8**



30.g6! Bh6 Prevents g6-g7
[Much worse is 30...Rxe4?! 31.g7 Rg4 32.Rf8+ Ka7 33.g8Q *(33.g8R Re4+-)*]
31.Nc5 Rg8 32.Rg1 Kc8 33.Rg4 And now Rg4-a4 would win. **33...b6 34.Ne4 Bg7 35.c3 Kd7 36.Ng3** White is clearly winning. **36...Rh8 37.Nf5 Bf6 38.g7 Rg8 39.Re4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.05 (flawless) /Black=0.22 (precise)
1-0

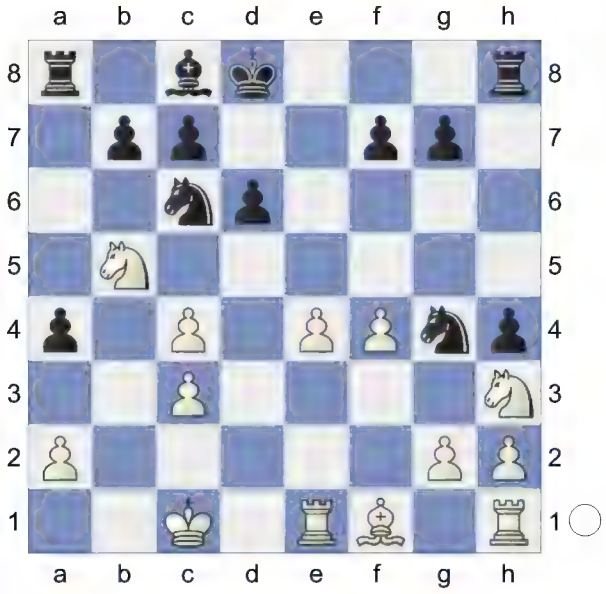
C22

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
Tata Steel India Rapid (5) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C22: Centre Game **1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.Bd2 Bb4** 0.16/20
[⌓5...Be7 -0.22/19]
6.c3 -0.57/21
[6.a3= 0.16/20 Bxd2+ 7.Nxd2]
[6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0-0 Re8 8.Qf4 Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Rxe4 10.Qg3 d5 11.f3 Re6 12.Ne2 Rd6 13.Qf4 d4 14.Nxd4 Nd5 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Rxd5 cxd5 17.Be5 Re6 18.Qg3 Rg6 19.Qf2 Ba6 20.f4 Bxf1 0-1 Nepomniachtchi,I (2751)-Anand,V (2783) Saint Louis Blitz 2017 (10)]
6...Ba5N -0.03/19
[6...Bd6∓ -0.57/21 7.c4 0-0]
[6...Be7 7.c4 0-0 8.Nc3 Ng4 9.Qe2 d6 10.0-0-0 f5 11.h3 Nf6 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.g4 Bg6 14.f4 Nd4 15.Qg2 c5 16.f5 Be8 17.g5 Bc6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Ba4 20.f6 Bxd1 21.fxe7 0-1 Pichon,J (2244)-Kasparov, G (2405) 57/309_126843 München 1993 (9.3) Qxe7 22.Kxd1 Rxf1+ 23.Qxf1 Qe4 24.Rh2 Qc2+ 25.Ke1 Qb1+ 26.Kf2 Rf8+ 0-1 Guo,J (2244)-Flear,G (2405) WchT Seniors 50 Struga 2023 (9.3)]
7.c4!= Bxd2+ 8.Nxd2 d6 0.39/22
[8...0-0= -0.01/22]
9.0-0-0 -0.24/21
[9.h3± 0.39/22]
9...Ng4 10.Qg3 aiming for h2-h3.
10...Qf6↑ Black fights for an advantage.
11.Nh3 h5 12.f4! h4 -0.19/18
[12...Bd7!∓ -0.61/19]
13.Qa3 -0.69/21
[White should try 13.Qe1= -0.19/18]
13...Qd4 -0.27/21
[13...Bd7∓ -0.69/21 feels stronger.]
14.Re1 Qc5 -0.12/24
[14...Bd7∓ -0.49/19]
15.Qc3 Qd4 0.24/20
[⌓15...f6! -0.19/22]
16.Qf3 -0.56/21
[16.Qxd4= 0.24/20 Nxd4 17.Nf3]
16...a5 17.Nb1 -0.87/21
[17.Qd3∓ -0.51/20]
17...a4 -0.50/20
[17...Qc5∓ -0.87/21 18.Nc3 Bd7]
18.Na3 Qc5 19.Qc3! Qd4 0.09/19

[19...0-0∓ -0.36/22]

20.Nb5 Qxc3+ 21.bxc3 Kd8

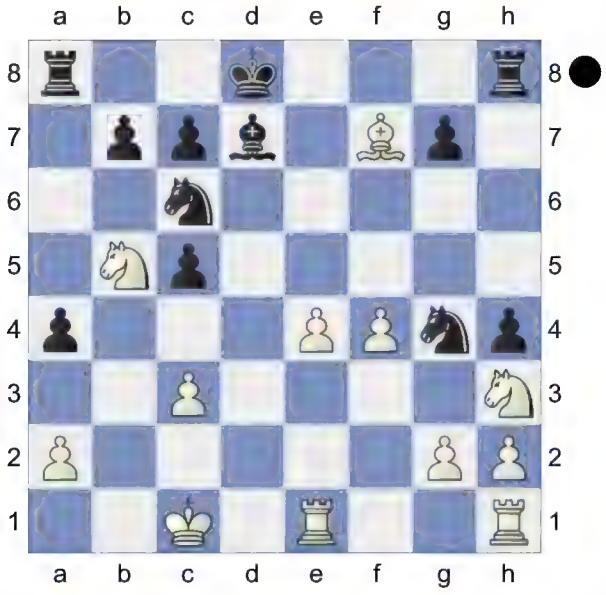


22.c5! dxc5 23.Bc4 -0.75/21

[23.Ng5= 0.23/21 keeps the balance. Rf8 24.Re2]

23...Bd7∓ 24.Bxf7 -1.43/27

[⌓24.Ng5 -0.80/19 Kc8 25.h3 *(25.Bxf7? Nf2∓; 25.Nxf7 Rf8∓)*]



24...Nce5! 25.fxe5 Nxe5 26.Rd1 Nxf7 27.Rhf1 Ne5 28.Rd5 Re8 29.Rf5 b6

[29...c6?! 30.Rdxe5 cxb5 *(30...Bxf5 31.Rxe8+* Overworked Piece *Kxe8 32.Nc7+ Ke7 33.Nxa8±)* 31.Rxe8+ Bxe8 32.Rxc5∓]

30.Na3 Ng4 Strongly threatening ...Ng4-e3! **31.Rg5 Nf6**

[31...Nxh2 32.Rxg7 Re7 33.Rg8+ Re8 34.Rxe8+ Kxe8 35.Rh5 Bxh3 36.gxh3=]

32.Rd1 -2.43/22

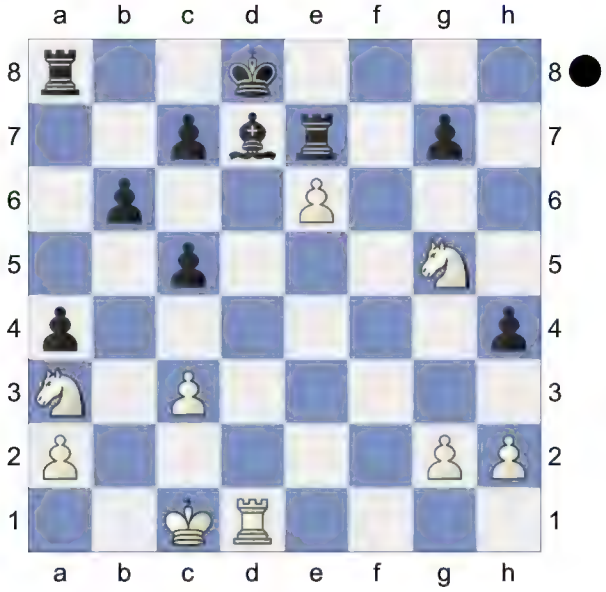
[⌓32.Rd3 -1.92/21 Rxe4 *(32...Nxe4 33.Rxg7 Nd6 34.Nf4∓)* 33.Rxg7 Re1+ 34.Rd1 Rxd1+ 35.Kxd1]

32...Re7 -1.26/20

[32...Nxe4 33.Rxg7 Nd6 34.Nc4=]

[32...Rxe4-+ -2.43/22 ...Re4-e7 would now be deadly. 33.Rxg7 Kc8]

33.e5 Ne4 34.e6 Pin **34...Nxg5 35.Nxg5**



Kc8! -0.37/21 **36.exd7+∓ Rxd7 37.Re1 Kb7 38.Ne6** -1.30/20 Inhibits Ra8-f8.

[Better is 38.Nc4∓ -0.44/23]

38...Rf7 -0.93/25

[⌓38...Rg8 -1.30/20 39.Nb5 c6]

39.Nb5∓ Rc8 And now ...Rf7-f2 would win. **40.Re4 Rf1+** -0.24/20

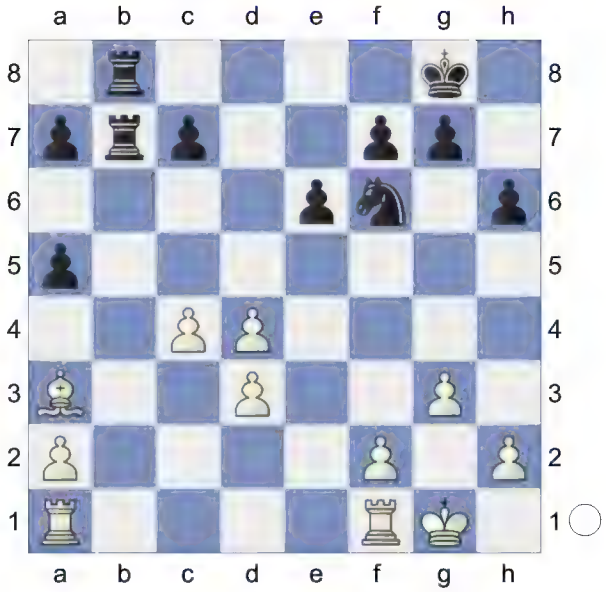
[Black should play 40...Rf2∓ -1.30/18 41.Nexc7 Rxc7 *(41...Rxa2 42.Re7=)* 42.Nxc7 Kxc7 43.Rxa4 Rxg2 44.Rxh4 Rxa2]

41.Kb2= Rf2+ 42.Ka3 Rxg2 The position is equal. **43.Rxh4 Re2 44.Nexc7 Rxc7**
[44...Rd8 is interesting. 45.Kxa4 Rxa2+ 46.Kb3 Rdd2]
45.Nxc7 Kxc7 46.Rxa4 Endgame. KR-KR **46...Rg2 47.h4 Kc6 48.Rf4 b5 49.c4 b4+ 50.Kb3 Rg3+ 51.Kb2 Kd6 52.Re4 Rg2+ 53.Kb3 Rg1 54.Kb2 Rg3 55.Kc2 Kd7 56.Kb2 Kc7 57.Re5 Kd6 58.Re4 Rg1 59.Kc2 Rg2+ 60.Kb3 Kc7 61.Re5 Kc6 62.Rg5 Rxg5 63.hxg5 g6 64.Ka4 Kb6 65.a3 bxa3 66.Kxa3** And White is the lucky defender. Weighted Error Value: White=0.16 (very precise) /Black=0.18 (very precise)
½-½

		E20
□	**Dubov,Daniil**	**2693**
■	**Narayanan,SL.**	**2647**
Tata Steel India Rapid (5)		14.11.2024

[Kitty Kat]

E20: Nimzo-Indian: 4 g3 and 4 f3 **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Rb8N**
[7...0-0 8.Qd3 *(8.Bg5 e5 9.h3 Bf5 10.g4 Be4 11.0-0 Kh8 12.e3 Qe7 13.Nh4 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Bxe4 Qxh4 16.Rb1 Rae8 17.Qf3 f5 18.gxf5 exd4 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.cxd4 Qg5+ 21.Kh2 Qxf5 22.Qxf5 Rxf5* ½-½ Caruana,F (2786)-Keymer,V (2717) FIDE Grand Swiss Douglas 2023 (11) *)* 8...e5 9.Nd2 exd4 10.cxd4 Re8 11.0-0 Bg4 12.e4 Bh5 13.h3 Bg6 14.f4 d5 15.cxd5 Nxd5 16.f5 Ndb4 17.Qc3 Qxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Nxd4 19.fxg6 hxg6 20.Bb2 Nbc2 21.Rac1 Ne2+ 22.Kf2 0-1 Lenaerts,L (2360)-Gonzalez,F (2021) Titled Tuesday intern op 09th May Late Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (7) Nxc1 23.Rxc1 Nb4 24.Ke3 c6 25.a3 Na6 26.Nc4 f6 27.Bd4 c5 28.Bc3 Rad8 29.Rb1 b6 30.e5 Nc7 31.a4 Nd5+ 32.Bxd5+ Rxd5 33.Ke4 Red8 34.exf6 Rd4+ 35.Bxd4 Rxd4+ 36.Ke5 gxf6+ 37.Kxf6 0-1 Perez,F (2360)-Gunnarsson,G (2021) Garmisch Partenkirchen rapid 1994 (7)]
8.Qd3 -0.16/22
[8.0-0± 0.31/22]
8...b6= 9.Nd2 Na5 0.16/20
[9...Qd7 -0.21/22 was preferrable.]
10.Nb3! 0-0 11.Nxa5 bxa5 12.c5 Bb7 13.Bxb7 Rxb7 14.0-0 dxc5 15.Ba3
[Much worse is 15.dxc5 e5=]
15...Qd5 16.Bxc5 Rfb8 17.c4 Qe4 18.Ba3! Repels Rb7-b2 **18...Qxd3 19.exd3 h6** 0.93/22
[19...h5!± 0.40/23]



20.Kg2!± c6 21.Rfe1 Rd8 22.Rab1 -0.01/26
[22.Bc5± 0.59/28]
22...Rxb1= 23.Rxb1 Ba3-c5 would now

be deadly. **23...Rxd4** Endgame. KRB-KRN **24.Rb3 a4 25.Rc3 Nd7** Prevents Ba3-c5. White should prevent ... Nd7-e5. **26.Kf3 c5 27.Bc1 Rd6 28.Ra3 Ra6 29.Be3 f5 30.d4** -0.63/24
[30.Ke2= 0.00/23]
30...cxd4∓ 31.Bxd4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) / Black=0.07 (flawless)
½-½

D43
□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2737**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
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[Kitty Kat]

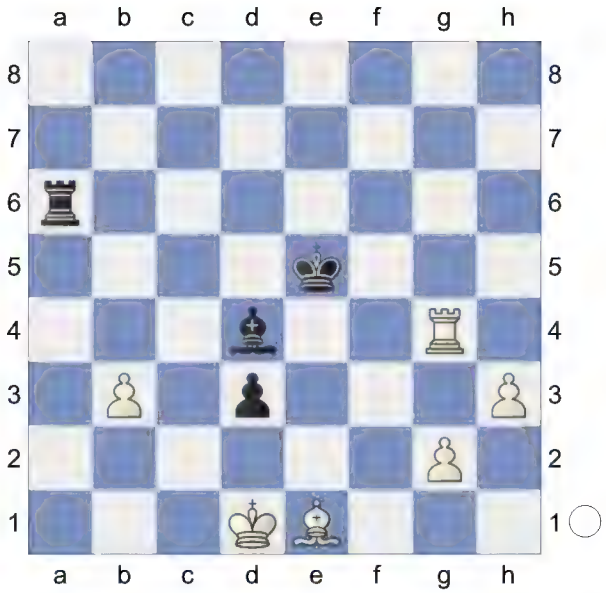
D60: Queen's Gambit Declined: Classical: Unusual White 7th moves Inf 103/(304) **1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Nbd7**
[6...dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5 9.Be2 Bb7 10.e5 Nd5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nd2 Qb6 13.a4 a6 14.Nde4 0-0-0 15.Bh5 Rh7 16.axb5 cxb5 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Nd6+ Bxd6 19.exd6 Nf6 20.Bg4+ Nxg4 21.Qxg4+ Mamedyarov,S (2742)-Karjakin,S (2727) Moscow (m/2-blitz) 103/(304) 2008]
7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0N
[9.cxd5 exd5 10.0-0 Re8 11.Qc2 Ne4 12.Bxe4 Bxh4 13.Bh7+ Kh8 14.Bd3 Be7 15.Rab1 *(15.Rae1 Bd6 16.e4 dxe4 17.Nxe4 Bb4 18.Re3 Nb6 19.a3 Be7 20.Ng3 Nd5 21.Ne5 Be6 22.Rf3 Bf6 23.Qe2 Bxe5 24.dxe5 Qh4 25.Nf5 Bxf5 26.Rxf5 Re7 27.Rc1 Nb6 28.Rd1 g6 29.g3 Qd4* 1-0 Salem,A (2638)-Samunenkov, I (2535) Biel GM2 Qual 57th 2024 (4)*)* 15...Bd6 16.b4 a6 17.a4 Nb6 18.b5 axb5 19.axb5 Bg4 20.Nd2 c5 21.dxc5 Bxc5 22.Bf5 Bxf5 23.Qxf5 Rc8 ½-½ Situru,N (2438)-Lasker,E (2364) 26/85 Polanica Zdroj 1978 (7. 4) 24.Nf3 Bd6 25.Rb3 Kg8 26.Rd1 Rc5 27.Qd3 Be7 28.Ne2 Bf6 29.Nf4 Qe7 30.h3 Rec8 31.Nh5 g6 32.Nf4 Bg7 33.Nd4 Qe4 34.Nfe2 Bxd4 35.Qxe4 dxe4 36.Rxd4 Rd5 37.Rbb4 Rc2 38.Nf4 Rxd4 ½-½ Sarakauskas,G (2438)-Houska,J (2364) EU-Cup 22nd Fuegen 2006 (7. 4)]
9...a6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Ne5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 White is slightly better. **12...Nd7 13.Bg3 b6 14.Qg4** White is more active. **14...f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Qg6**
[16.Qe2 simplifies b5 17.Rac1 Bb7 18.h3]
16...Qe8! 17.Qxe8 Rxe8 18.Rac1 Bd7 19.Ne2 Rec8 20.Be5 Bb5 21.Bxb5 axb5 22.a3 Kf7 23.h3 Rc4 24.Nd4 Nd7 25.Bg3 b4 26.axb4 Bxb4 27.Ra1 -0.42/28
[27.Rxc4= 0.01/28 dxc4 28.Rd1]
27...Ra5 0.00/23
[27...Rxa1∓ -0.42/28 28.Rxa1 e5]
28.Nb3 -1.07/24
[28.Rac1!= 0.00/23]
28...Rxa1∓ 29.Rxa1 e5! 30.Ra7 -1.73/24
[30.Kf1∓ -1.10/22]
30...Ke6-+ 31.f4? -4.26/24
[31.Kf1∓ -1.41/19 was called for.]
31...Nc5 32.Nxc5+ Bxc5 33.fxe5 Bxe3+ Endgame. KRB-KRB **34.Kf1 g5?** -1.03/23
[34...Rc2!-+ -2.89/24 has better winning chances. 35.Ra8 d4 *(35...Rxb2? 36.Re8+ Kf7 37.Rd8-+)*]
35.Rh7 Bf4 -0.01/22
[Better is 35...g4!∓ -0.93/20 Strongly threatening ...d5-d4. 36.Ke2

Bg5]
36.Rxh6+= Kxe5 37.Be1 d4 ...Rc4-c1 would now be deadly. **38.Rxb6**

d3 0.03/27
[Black should play 38...Rc2!∓ -0.73/21]
39.Bc3+ Kd5 40.Rb5+ Ke4 41.Kf2 Be3+ 42.Ke1 Bd4 43.Kd2 Be3+ 44.Kd1 Rc6 45.Ra5 Rc8 46.Ra6 Kd5 47.Ra5+ Ke4 48.Ke1 Rc6 49.Ra8 Re6 50.Kd1 Re7 51.Ra4+ Kd5 52.Ra5+ Ke4! 53.Bd2 With the idea Ra5-a4+. **53...Bd4 54.Bc3 Be3 55.Ra6 Re8 56.Ke1 Kd5 57.Ra5+ Ke4 58.Kd1 Re6 59.b3 Rc6 60.Ra4+ Kd5 61.Bd2 Bd4**
[61...Re6 62.Bxe3 Rxe3 63.Kd2 Re2+ 64.Kxd3 Rxg2 65.Rg4+-]
62.Ra5+ Ke4 63.Rxg5 Rf6 (→ ...Rf6-f1+) **64.Rg4+ Ke5?** 3.85/21
[64...Kd5= 0.03/19 65.Bb4 Be3]
65.Be1 Ra6

(Diagram)

66.Kd2! Ra3 67.Kxd3 Rxb3+ 68.Kc4 Rb2 69.Bc3 Bxc3 70.Kxc3+- KR-KR **70...Ra2 71.Kd3 Kf5 72.Ke3 Rb2 73.Kf3 Rb3+ 74.Kf2 Rb2+ 75.Kg3**



Rb3+ 76.Kh2 Ra3 77.Rg3 Ra2 78.Rf3+ Kg5 79.Kg3 Kh6 80.Rb3 Rc2 81.h4 Rc1 82.Kg4 Rc4+ 83.Kh3 Rc6 84.g3 Ra6 85.Re3 Rb6 86.Kg4 Rg6+ 87.Kh3 Rb6 88.Ra3 Rc6 89.Ra5 Rb6 90.h5 Rb1 91.Kh4 Rb6 92.g4 Kh7 93.Ra7+ Kg8 94.Ra4 Rb5 95.g5 Rb8 96.h6 Rc8 97.Kh5 Kh8 98.Ra5 White threatens Ra5-f5 and mate. **98...Rb8 99.Rf5 Ra8 100.g6 Rb8 101.Rf8+** Decoy **101...Rxf8 102.g7+ Kh7 103.gxf8B** White used his chance. Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.12 (very precise)
1-0

A29
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2739**
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[Kitty Kat]

A29: English Opening: Four Knights Variation with 4 g3 **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5N**
[4...g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.e4

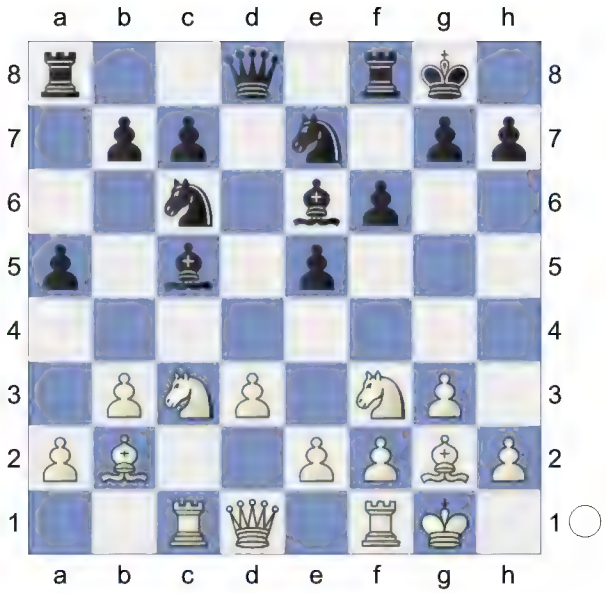
(7.d3 d6 8.Rb1 a5 9.b3 h6 10.Bb2 Nb4 11.e4 c5 12.Ne1 Bd7 13.Bc1 b6 14.a3 Nc6 15.Nc2 Kh7 16.Nb5 Na7 17.Nc3 Nc6 18.Nb5 Na7 19.a4 Qe7 20.Nxa7 Rxa7 21.Qe2 Raa8 1-0 Zielinski,S (2363)-Ojeda,J (2262) corr PER/Cup4/sf 10 (PER) ICCF 2022 *)* 7...d6 8.d3 h6 9.Be3 Kh7 10.h3 Nd7 11.Rc1 Nd4 12.Bxd4 exd4 13.Ne2 c5 14.h4 b5 15.cxb5 Rb8 16.a4 a6 17.b4 axb5 18.bxc5 dxc5 19.axb5 ½-½ Herrmann,M (2677)-4.d4 ♘f6 5.♗c4 (2723) EM/M/A089 email ICCF email 2000 (2)]

[4...Bb4 5.Bg2 Bxc3 6.bxc3 0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.Ne1 e4 9.f3 d5 10.cxd5 Qxd5 11.fxe4 Nxe4 12.Nd3 Bf5 *(12...Qd6 13.Qa4 Ng5 14.Ba3 Qh6 15.h4 Nh3+ 16.Kh2 Rxe2 17.Rae1 Rxe1 18.Nxe1 Qxd2 19.Qc2 Qxc2 20.Nxc2 Be6 21.Bxh3 Bxa2 22.Bg2 Rd8 23.Re1 Be6 24.Bxc6 Rd2+ 25.Kg1 bxc6 26.Nd4 Rd3 27.Kf2* Malakhov,V (2692)-Huzman,A (2602) 105/(9) Budva 2009 *)* 13.Qb3 Qxb3 14.axb3 Bg6 15.b4 Nd6 16.Nf4 Be4 17.Bh3 a5 18.d3 Bg6 19.bxa5 1-0 5.f3 c6 6.♕d2 b5 (2694)-Hebel,E (2578) 55/467 Ter Apel 1992]

5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 With the idea Nf3xe5! **6...Bc5 7.0-0 0-0 8.d3 Nde7 9.b3 a5 10.Bb2 f6 11.Rc1 Be6**

(Diagram)

12.d4! Bxd4 13.Nxd4 exd4 14.Nb5 Nf5 15.Qd2 a4 16.Qf4 Rf7 17.Rfd1 axb3 18.axb3 Rd7 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Rxc6 Bxb3 21.Rd3 Ne7 22.Rc1 Bf7 ...Ra8-b8 would now be deadly. **23.Nxd4 Ng6 24.Qf5** The position is equal. **24...Qe8 25.Re3 Re7 26.Rec3**



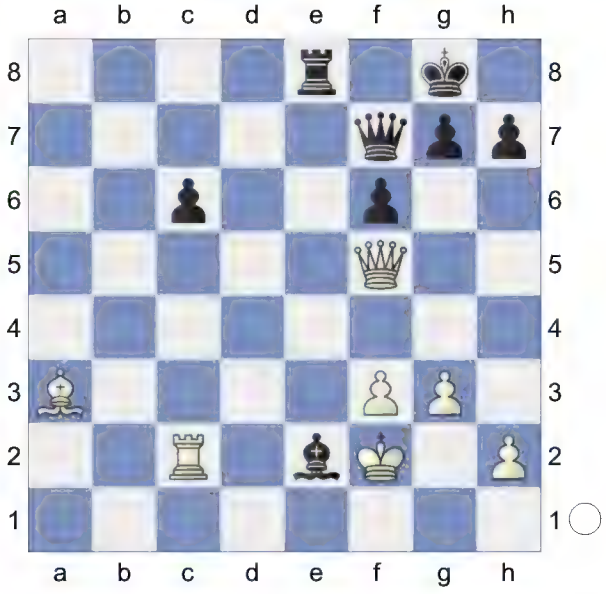
Rc8 27.Qc2 Rd7 28.Nf5 Be6 29.Re3 Qf7 30.Nd4 Bd5 31.Nf5 Ne7 32.Ba3 Nxf5 33.Qxf5 Re8 Against Ba3-e7 **34.Rcc3**

[34.Qf4 simplifies Rxe3 35.Qxe3 c6 36.f3]

34...Rdd8 35.f3 c6 36.Rxe8+ Rxe8 37.Kf2

[37.Qd3 simplifies h5 38.e4 Be6 39.Rxc6 f5 40.exf5 Bxf5 41.Qc4]

37...Bc4 38.Rc2 Bxe2



Decoy **39.Rxe2 Rxe2+** Remove Defender **40.Kxe2** White wants

to mate with Qf5-c8+. **40...Qa2+ 41.Kf1** Hoping for Qf5-c8+. **41...Qxa3=** Endgame. KQ-KQ **42.Qe6+ Kf8 43.Qxc6 Qd3+ 44.Kg2 Qd2+ 45.Kg1 Qe1+ 46.Kg2 Qd2+ 47.Kg1 Qe1+ 48.Kg2** Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.03 (flawless) **½-½**

A10

□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
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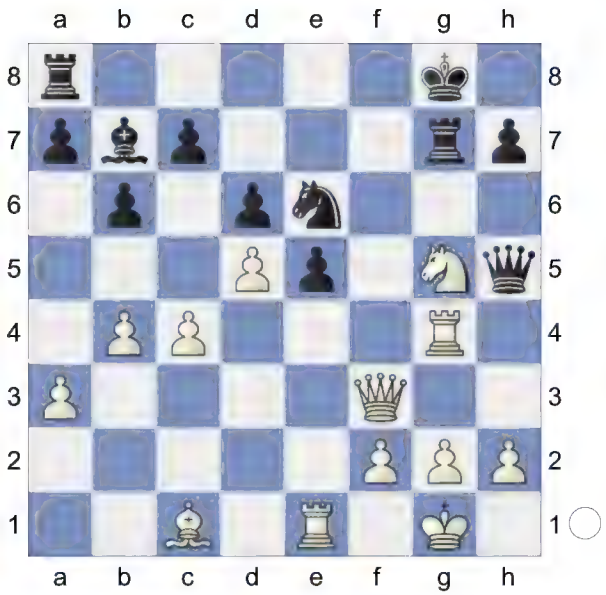
[Kitty Kat]

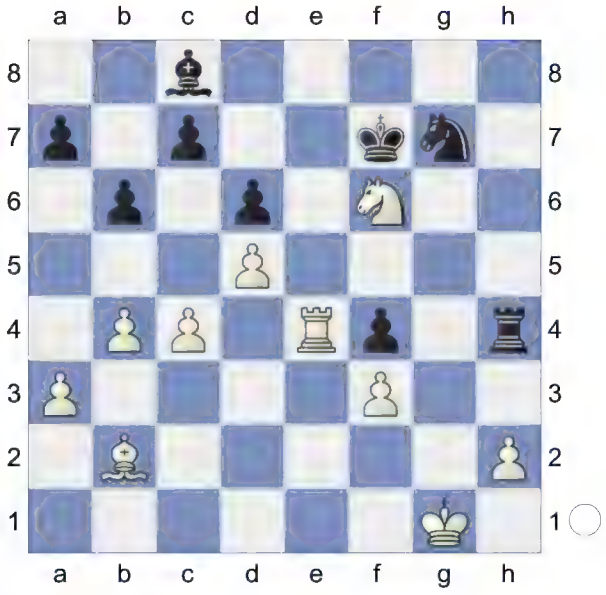
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4 **1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.d4N**
[3.e4 e6 4.Nf3
A) 4...Nf6 5.Bd3 d6 6.0-0 *(6.Bc2 c5 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 a6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Rc8 11.a4 Qc7 12.b3 Be7 13.Ba3 0-0 14.Rad1 Qb8 15.f4 Rfe8 16.f5 Bf8 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.Qf3 Ne5 19.Qh3 Neg4 20.Rxf6 Nxf6* 0-1 8.dc5 dc5 9.♗e3 ♕a5 (2505)-Seidler,S (2495) (ch) 73/(309) Armenia 1998*)* 6...g6 7.Re1 Bg7 8.Bf1 0-0 9.d4 Nbd7 10.h3 a6 11.Bf4 Re8 12.e5 Nh5 13.Bh2 c5 14.Ne4 Bxe4 15.Rxe4 dxe5 16.dxe5 Bf8 17.Qa4 Nb8 18.g4 Ng7 19.Rd1 ½-½ Vachier Lagrave,M (2723)-Andreikin,D (2650) Biel GM 43rd 2010 (5) Qc8 20.Re3 Nc6 21.Red3 Ra7 22.Bg2 Be7 23.a3 h5 24.Bf4 b5 25.cxb5 axb5 26.Qxb5 Rb7 27.Qc4 Rxb2 28.Bc1 Rb6 29.Qf4 Qb8 30.Qh6 Nd4 31.Nxd4 cxd4 32.Rxd4 Qxe5 33.Bf4 Qe2 34.R4d2 0-1 Divis,J (1506)-Brousek,J (1817) Valasska Bystrice op 2023 (9);
B) 4...c5 5.g3 Nf6 6.d3 d6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Nc6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.b3 Qc7 13.Bb2 a6 14.Qe2 Rfe8 15.Rad1 Bf8 16.Nc2 Ned7 17.Ne3 Bc6 ½-½ Serafimov,D (2197)-Das,A (2404) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (7)]
[3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 e6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.d3 0-0 8.d4 Bb4 9.Ne5 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Ne8 11.Nxc6 Bxc6 12.Bxc6 dxc6 13.Ba3 Nd6 14.e4 Re8 15.Bxd6 cxd6 16.d5 c5 17.dxe6 Rxe6 ½-½ Foygel,I (2474)-Serper,G (2556) (ch) 86/(260) United States 2003]
3...e6 4.a3 Nf6 5.Bf4 g6 6.Qc2 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...d6 9.Be2 Nc6 10.Rd1 Qe8 11.d5 Nd8 12.0-0** White is much more active. **12...Nh5 13.Bc1 Kh8 14.b4 f5** 2.13/19
[14...e5± 1.30/18 15.c5 Qe7]
15.exf5+- gxf5 16.Nb5 Rf7 17.Ng5 Re7 18.Nd4 Qg6 19.Rfe1 Strongly threatening Be2xh5.
[19.Ngxe6 Nxe6 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.Bxh5 Qxh5±]
19...Bxd4 20.Bxh5
[20.Rxd4 exd5 21.cxd5 Nf7+-]
20...Qxh5 21.Rxd4 e5 22.Qxf5 Kg8 Prevents Qf5-f8+. Black is weak on the dark squares **23.Rg4** 2.20/18
[⌓23.Qf6 3.70/21 Rg7 24.Rf4]
23...Rg7 24.Qf3 Ne6 3.75/21
[⌓24...Bc8 2.40/23 25.Rg3 Qxf3 26.Rxf3 Bg4]

(Diagram)

25.Ne4! Kh8 Hoping for ...Ne6-d4. **26.Rxg7** Discovered Attack **26...Qxf3 27.gxf3 Nxg7 28.f4 exf4 29.Bb2 Kg8**

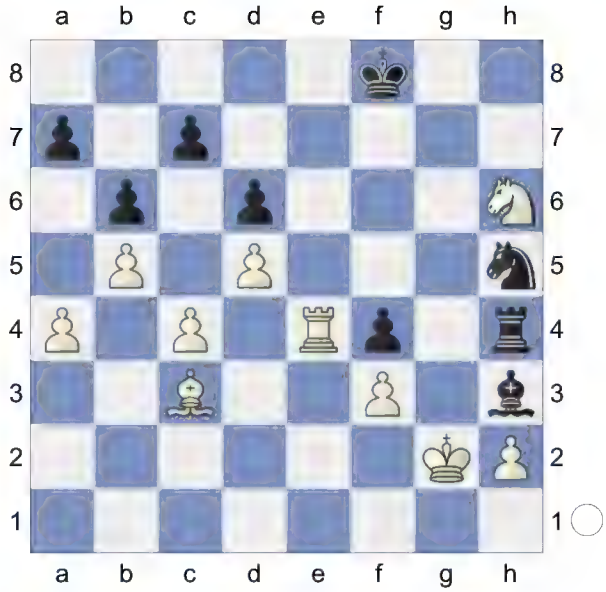


30.Nf6+ Kf7 31.Nxh7 And now h2-h4 would win. **31...Rg8** 2.41/21
[⌓31...b5 1.74/19]
32.Nf6! Rh8 33.Re4 Rh4 34.f3! Bc8 2.94/21
[34...Nf5 1.99/20 was called for. 35.b5 *(35.Ng4 b5+-)* 35...a6 36.bxa6 Bxa6]

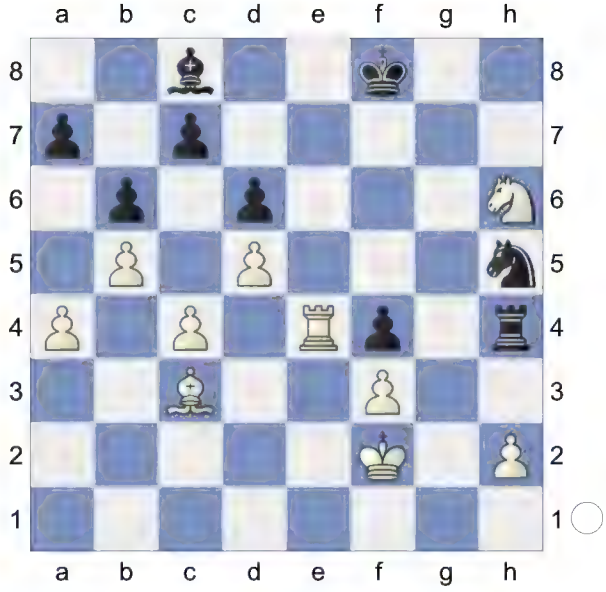


35.Ng4! Nh5
[35...Nf5 36.Rxf4]
36.Nh6+ Kf8 37.Bc3 Bd7 38.b5 Bc8 39.a4 Bd7 40.Kg2 aiming for Bc3-e1.

40...Bh3+



41.Kf2? 0.45/24
[White has to play 41.Kg1!+- 2.31/27]
41...Bc8? 2.89/23
[Black should try 41...Ng3!± 0.45/24 42.hxg3 fxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Rxh6]



This costs Black the game. **42.Kg1! Bd7 43.Re2 Ng3 44.hxg3 Rxh6** Endgame. KRB-KRB **45.Bd2**
[Less strong is 45.gxf4 Bf5±]
45...Bf5 46.Bxf4 Rh7 47.Rd2 Prevents Bf5-d3. **47...Bb1 48.g4 Kf7**

49.Kg2 Kf6 50.Be3 Re7 51.Kf2 Re8 52.Bd4+ Kf7 53.Kg3 a6 5.46/22
[53...Rg8 3.85/19 was worth a try. 54.Rd1 Bc2]
54.f4 axb5 55.axb5 Rg8 56.Kf3 Ra8 57.f5 White is clearly winning. **57...Ra4** 7.94/21
[⌓57...Re8 4.92/19 58.Bb2 Kf8]
58.Kf4 Rxc4 59.g5 Rc1 60.g6+ Kg8 61.Rh2 Rf1+ 62.Ke3 Weighted Error Value: White=0.25 (precise) /Black=0.32
1-0

B12
□ **Vidit,S.** **2739**
■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2737**
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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Nb3 Nd7 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5** White is slightly better. **9.Nxc5 Qxc5**
[9...Nxc5 10.Be3 Ne7 11.Nd4 a6 12.a4 Rc8 13.f4 Be4 14.0-0 Nf5 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.c3 0-0 17.a5 Qc6 18.Bd4 h6 19.Rf2 Ne6 20.Ra4 Qc7 21.Bb6 Qe7 22.Bf3 Rc6 23.g3 f6 24.Bxe4 Dominguez Perez,L (2763)-Caruana,F (2818) Saint Louis (rapid) 141/(115) 2019]
10.Nd4 Ne7 11.Bb5N -0.28/19
[11.f4 0.18/20 should be considered. Be4 12.Be3 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 a6 15.a4 Rc8 16.c3 Bxg2 17.Rhg1 Be4 18.h4 g6 19.a5 Nb8 20.h5 Nf5 21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.h6 Nd7 23.Ra4 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 25.Rb4 Rxa5 26.Rxb7 1-0 Goudriaan,R (1990)-Peelen,P (2344) Spakenburg FishPartners op rapid 2023 (4)]
11...Qc7 0.28/23
[⌓11...Nc6 -0.28/19 12.Bxc6 bxc6]
12.Bxd7+= Qxd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **13.Bg5 Nc6 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.0-0** -0.28/21
[⌓15.f4! 0.24/25]
15...h6! 16.Qh5 -0.67/26
[16.Bd2= -0.22/21]
16...Qe6 -0.06/24
[16...hxg5? 17.Qxh8+ Ke7 18.Qxa8+-]
[Black should play 16...0-0!∓ -0.67/26 17.Bf4 Qe6]
17.Bd2
[17.f4 looks sharper. Nb4 18.c3 Nc2 19.Rab1]
17...0-0 18.f4 d4 19.Qf3 Rfd8 20.Qd3 Rac8 21.b3 Rd7 22.Rf2 Rdc7 23.Rd1 The position is equal. **23...b6 24.h3 a5 25.Be1 Rd8 26.Re2 Rdd7 27.Qf3 b5 28.Rd3 b4 29.Bf2 Kh7 30.Red2 Qd5 31.Qd1 Qe4 32.Re2 Qd5**
[32...Qxf4? is the wrong capture. 33.e6 fxe6 34.Bg3+-]
33.Red2 Qe4 34.Re2 Qd5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.14 (very precise)
[34...Qxf4? too greedy. 35.e6 Re7 36.Bg3+- Skewer *(36.Bxd4 Rxe6 37.Rxe6 fxe6∓)*]
½-½

B52
□ **So,W.** **2747**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
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[Kitty Kat]

B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3... Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+**
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6 5.0-0 Bb7 6.Re1 e6 7.Bc2 Be7 8.d4 0-0

9.Nbd2 Na6 10.Nf1 d5 11.e5 Ne4 12.Ng3 cxd4 13.cxd4 Rc8 14.a3 Qc7 15.Bd3 Nb8 16.Qe2 a6 17.Bd2 Nxd2 1-0 Holliday,B (2440)-4.e3 ♗g4 5. ♗c4 e6_37934 (2270) 28/149 Smederevska Palanka 1979]

[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bf4 Be7 11.Rac1 0-0 12.Bb3 Re8 13.h3 h6 14.Qe3 Nh5 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Qxh6 Ng7 17.Bc2 Ne5 1-0 By Black (2218)-Wyczling,B (1794) Saarland-ch MB 87th Völklingen 2012]

3...Bd7N

[3...Nc6 4.b3 Bd7 5.Bb2 a6 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bxe5 Bc6 10.0-0 e6 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Bb2 Qg5 13.Bf1 Bd6 14.d4 Nf6 15.d5 0-0-0 16.dxc6 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Rxd1 18.cxb7+ 0-1 Aarush,R (2097)-Borwell, A (2578) 42/131 Baku 1986 (8) Kxb7 19.Rxd1 Qh5+ 20.Kg1 Qxd1 21.Na3 Qh5 22.g3 Rd8 23.Bg2+ Kc8 24.Bxf6 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Qxd1+ 26.Kh2 gxf6 27.Be4 Qf1 28.Bd3 Qxf2+ 29.Kh3 f5 30.Nc4 Qg1 0-1 Katz,F (2097)-Abbasov,F (2578) Rohde op 08th Sautron 2008 (8)]

4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Re1 e6 7.c3 d5 8.d3 Nge7 9.Nbd2 Rd8 10.e5 Nf5 11.Nf1 Be7 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 b5 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 c4 16.g4 -0.15/20

[16.a3± 0.31/21]

16...b4= 17.g3 Rb8 18.Kg2 bxc3 19.bxc3 Qb7 20.g5 Kd7 21.gxh6 gxh6 22.Qd2 Qb2 23.Bxh6 Rxh6 1.64/19 **24.Qxh6+-** And now Ra1-c1 would win. **24...Qxc3 25.Rab1** 0.26/22

[White should play 25.Qh7± 1.36/20]

25...Rxb1= 26.Rxb1 Qd3 0.79/21 Repels Qh6-h7

[26...Qc2= 0.22/22 27.Rh1 c3]

27.Qc1 0.29/25

[27.Re1!± 0.79/21]

27...Ba3

[27...Nxd4? perishes. 28.Nxd4 Qxd4 29.Rb7+ Ke8 30.Qh6 Qxe5 31.Qh7 *(31.Rxa7 Qe4+ 32.Kg1 Qe1+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+ 34.Kg1 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Qe4+=)* 31...Qe4+ 32.Qxe4 dxe4 33.Rxa7+-]

28.Qh1 Nb4 1.33/22

[28...Kc7!= 0.00/25 remains equal.]

29.Qe1 0.00/30

[29.Rd1!± 1.33/22 Qf5 30.Qh8]

29...a5 30.Rd1 Qc2 31.Rd2 Qe4 0.46/25

[31...Qc1!= 0.00/30 is superior.]

32.Re2!± Qf5 1.14/26

[32...Qd3± 0.43/26]

33.Qd1!± Qd1-a4+ is the strong threat.

33...Nc6 34.Qa4 Bb4 1.32/23

[Black should try 34...Bf8 0.93/23]

35.a3 Bc3 36.Re3! Ba1 37.Re1 Bc3 38.Re3 Ba1 39.Qb5 Kc7 Prevents Qb5-b7+ **40.Qc5 Bb2** 1.67/23

[40...a4± 0.96/21 41.Re1 Bb2]

41.Qd6+ 1.26/23

[Better is 41.a4+- 1.67/23]

41...Kb6 42.Qc5+ 1.76/18

[42.Re1± 1.33/22 Threatens to win with Re1-h1. Qd3 43.Qc5+ Kc7 44.Re3]

42...Kc7+- 43.Qd6+ Kb6

(Diagram)

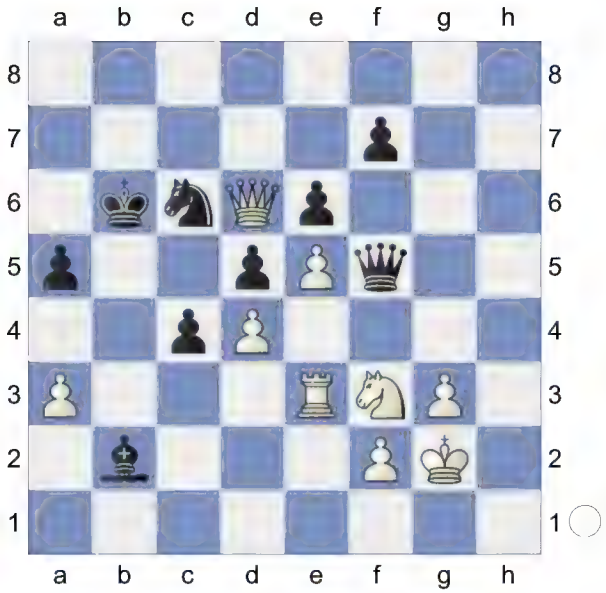
44.Re2? 0.22/19 Inhibits Qf5-c2.

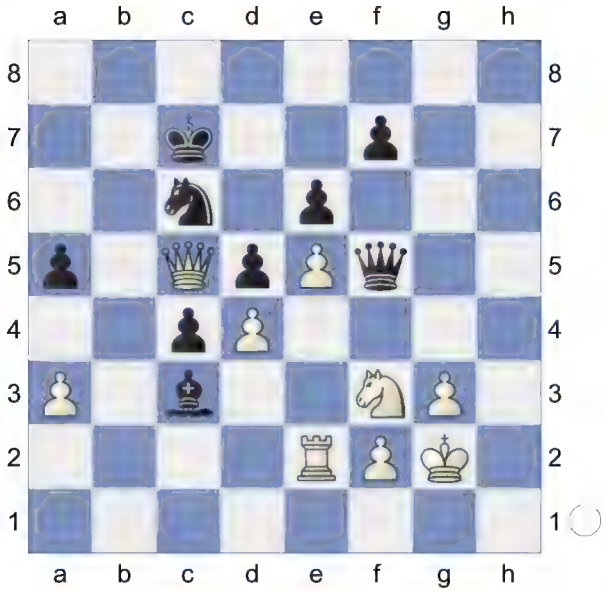
[44.a4!+- 1.96/22]

44...Bc3!= 45.Qc5+ Kc7!

(Diagram)

46.Re3 1.96/23





[46.Qf8!± 0.72/22]

46...Bb2! Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)

½-½

D25

□ **Narayanan,SL.** **2647**

■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**

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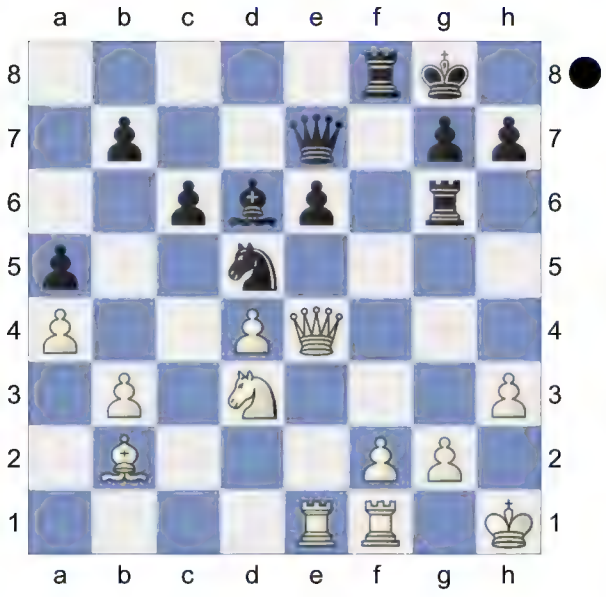
[Kitty Kat]

D25: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3: sidelines and 4...Bg4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Bxc4 e6 6.Nc3 Nbd7N**

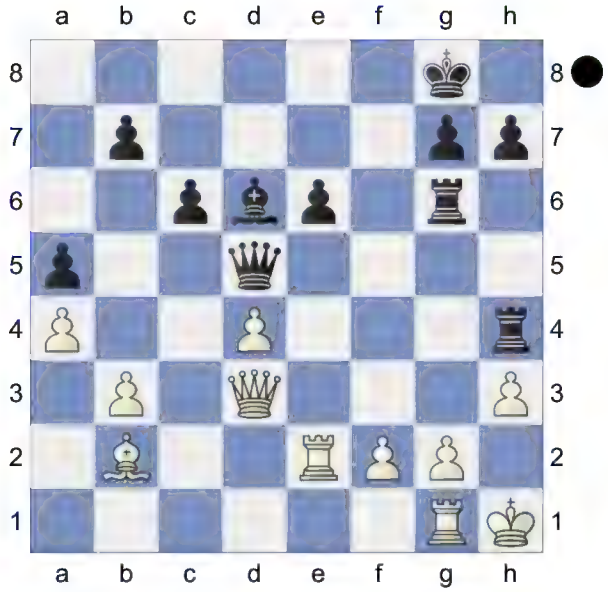
[6...a6 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6 9.Ne5 Nbd7 10.Nxg6 hxg6 11.Bf1 c6 12.Bg2 Be7 13.Bd2 e5 14.d5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 cxd5 16.Bxd5 Nc5 17.Bc3 Qc7 18.Qf3 Bf6 19.0-0 0-0 20.Rac1 Rad8 21.Rfd1 1 De Sa,E-Van Hofwegen Chapter Game 26 Game]

[6...Nc6 7.Bb5 *(7.0-0 Bd6 8.h3 Bh5 9.Re1 Qe7 10.g4 Nxg4 11.hxg4 Bxg4 12.Bf1 h5 13.e4 0-0-0 14.Be3 Rh6 15.Bxh6 gxh6 16.Bg2 Nxd4 17.Qxd4 Bxf3 18.Qe3 Bxg2 19.Kxg2 Qh4 20.Kf1 Bc5 21.Qxc5 Qh3+* 0-1 Mitrabha,G (2496)-Jobava,B (2578) Titled Tuesday intern op 17th Jan Early Chess.com INT blitz 2023 (10)*; 7.h3 Bh5 8.Bb5 Bb4 9.Qa4 Bxf3 10.gxf3 0-0 11.Bd2 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Qd5 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Ke2 Rfd8 15.Rhg1 Qh5 16.Qxc6 Nd5 17.Rg3 Rab8 18.Rag1 g6 19.b3 Rd6 20.Qc4 Nxc3+ 21.Qxc3 Qb5+* 0-1 2.♗g5 d5 3.e3 c6 (2351)-Lalitaditaayyanar,B (2566) Corus Wijk aan Zee 2002 (5)*)* 7...Bd6 8.Qa4 Bxf3 9.gxf3 0-0 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Qxc6 Rb8 12.f4 Nd5 13.Qc4 Qd7 14.a3 Rfc8 15.Qd3 Rb3 16.Qc2 Rcb8 17.Ne4 Qa4 18.0-0 Nxf4 19.Nc3 Nh3+ 20.Kg2 Qc4 21.f4 0-1 Edouard,R (2665)-Delchev,A (2637) ESP-chT CECLUB Honor Linares 2013 (4.3)]

7.h3 Bh5 8.0-0 c6 9.Be2 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Nd5 12.a3 a5 13.Rc1 f5 The position is equal. **14.Nd2** -0.17/23
[⌓14.Na4 0.23/24]
14...Bg6 0.37/20
[Black should try 14...Bxe2= -0.17/23 15.Nxe2 Bd6]
15.Bf3 N7f6 16.Nc4 0.00/24
[16.Na4± 0.45/20 feels stronger.]
16...f4= 17.exf4 Nxf4 18.Ne5 Prevents Nf4-d3. **18...Bf5 19.Ne2 Nxe2+ 20.Bxe2 Nd5 21.Bd3 Bd6 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Nd3 Qf6** Hoping for ... Rf5-g5. **24.Qe2 Rg5** ...Qf6-g6 would now be deadly. **25.Rce1 Rg6 26.Qe4! Rf8→** Black has some attack. **27.Kh1 Qe7** Threatens to win with ...Nd5-f4! **28.a4?** -1.74/20
[28.Bc1!= 0.00/20]



28...Nf4!-+ 29.Nxf4 -3.78/22
[29.Ba3∓ -1.60/23 Nxg2 *(29...Nxd3 30.Bxd6 Nxf2+ 31.Rxf2∓)* 30.Ne5 Nxe1 31.Nxg6 hxg6 32.Bxd6 Qxd6 33.Rxe1]
29...Rxf4 30.Qe3 Qg5 31.Rg1 Qd5 ...Rf4-h4 is the strong threat. **32.Re2?** -5.59/21
[32.Ba3 -2.89/21 is a better defense. Bc7 33.Re2]
32...Rh4 33.Qd3



Rg3!! Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.44/Black=0.11 (very precise)
0-1

B48
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**
■ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**
Tata Steel India Rapid (6) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3**
[5.g3 Qb6 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01 2001]
5...Qc7 6.Be3N
[6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nce2 0-0 10.c4 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 d6 12.b3 Bd7 13.Bb2 Bc6 14.Rac1 b6 15.Nc3 Qb7 16.Rfe1 Rfd8 17.Qe3 Re8 18.Qd2 b5 19.Nd5 exd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-

Browne,W 8/457 San Juan 1969 21.e5 Ng4 22.h3 Nh6 23.e6 Bc8 24.g4 Qb8 25.g5 Nf5 26.Be4 fxe6 27.Bxf5 e5 28.Qd3 Bxf5 29.Qxf5 Qd8 30.h4 Rf8 31.Qe6+ Kh8 32.Re4 Qb6 33.Rc2 Rae8 34.Rxe5 Qd8 35.Rf5 Rg8 ½-½ Damjanovic,M-Langeweg,K 1/269 Beverwijk 1966]

6...a6 7.a3 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 b5 Prevents Nc3-a4 **9.Be2 Bb7** White is slightly better. **10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Kb1 Nf6 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5**

[13...Qxc2+ 14.Ka1 exd5 *(14...Bxd5? 15.Rc1+- Skewer)* 15.Qb6∓]

14.Bd3 Bxg2 15.Rhg1 Bd5 16.h4 g6 17.Qf4 Be7

[17...Bg7!? 18.Bd4 Qa5=]

18.h5 Rf8 19.Bd4 -0.57/21

[19.Be4= -0.12/20]

19...Qb7∓ 20.Rg3 b4 21.axb4 Qxb4 22.Bxa6 Rb8 -0.33/24 Chess con chili.

[22...Ra8∓ -0.80/24 23.Be2 Qa4]

23.Be2 Ra8 24.b3 Qa5 ...Qa5-a2+ would now be deadly. **25.Bb2** -0.69/21

[25.Kc1 -0.32/22 feels stronger.]

25...Qa2+ 26.Kc1 Rc8→ 0.00/22 Black attacks.

[26...g5∓ -0.42/22 27.Qe3 Ba3 28.Bxa3 Qxa3+ 29.Kd2 f6]

27.c4= gxh5 28.Qd4 -0.75/21

[28.Kc2= 0.00/22 Ba3 29.Rb1]

(Diagram)

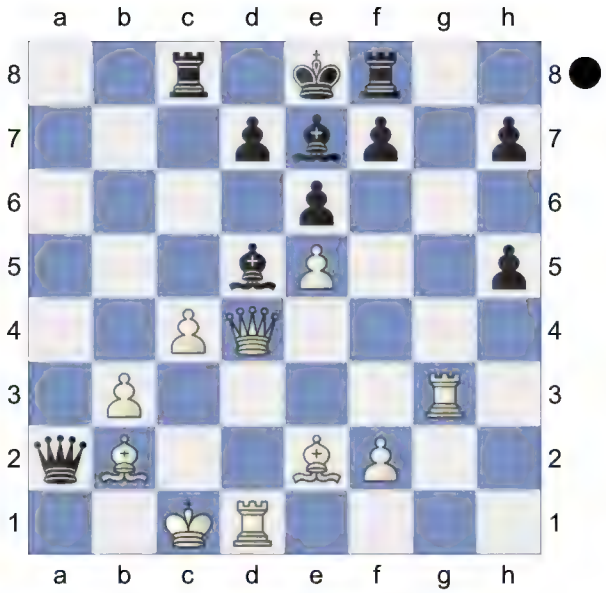
28...h4 -0.09/22

[Better is 28...Bc5!∓ -0.75/21 29.Qf4 h4]

29.Rh3 Rg8 30.Kc2 Qa8 31.Rc3? -2.61/21 Now White is beyond hope.

[White should play 31.Bf3∓ -0.42/22]

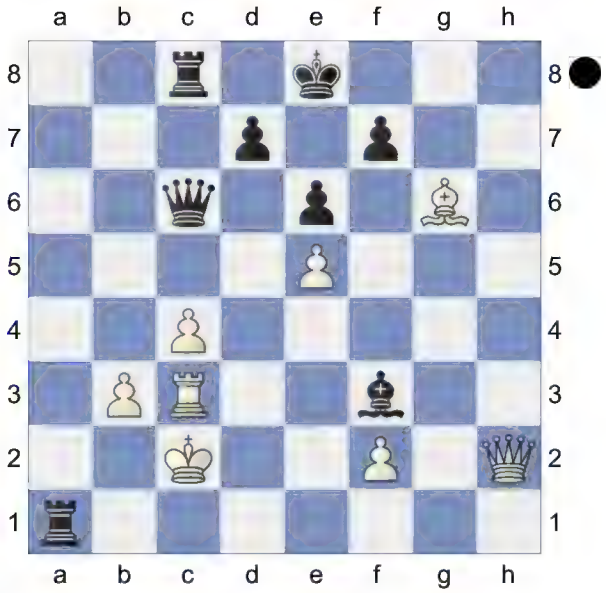
31...Be4+-+ 32.Bd3 Bf3 33.Ra1 Qc6



34.Bxh7 Rg2 35.Ba3 -5.23/19

[35.Rf1 -2.51/19]

35...Bxa3 Black is clearly winning. **36.Rxa3 h3** Threatens to win with ...h3-h2. **37.Qh4 h2 38.Ra1 Rg1 39.Qxh2 Rxa1 40.Bg6**



White wants to mate with Qh2-h8+. **40...Kd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.19 (very precise)

[Weaker is 40...fxg6 41.Qh8+ Ke7 *(41...Kf7 42.Qf6+ Ke8 43.Qh8+ Kf7 44.Qh7+ Ke8 45.Qh8+=)* 42.Qh4+ g5 43.Qxg5+ Kf7 44.Qf6+ Kg8

45.Qg6+ Kf8 46.Qh6+ Kg8 47.Qg6+ Kf8 48.Qh6+ Kf7 49.Qh7+ Ke8 50.Qh8+ Kf7 51.Qh7+ Kf8 *(51...Ke8 52.Qh8+ Ke7 53.Qh4+ Ke8 54.Qh8+=)* 52.Qh8+ Kf7 53.Qh7+=]

0-1

B48

□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**
■ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**
Tata Steel India Rapid (6) 14.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

B48: Sicilian: Taimanov: 5 Nc3 Qc7 6 Be3 a6 without Be2 Zapata,Alonso: 'Zapata,A: 'Inf 47/(201)" **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4**

[4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 d6 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.Rd1 b5 10.Bb3 Ra7 11.Be3 Rd7 12.Na4 bxa4 13.Bxa4 Bb7 14.Rac1 Nb8 15.Ba7 Nf6 16.e5 Nd5 Alvarez,A-Zapata,A (2490) (ch) 47/(201) Colombia 1989]

4...Nc6 5.Nc3N

[5.g3 Qb6 *(5...a6 6.Bg2 Nf6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.b3 Bc5 9.Ne2 b5 10.Bb2 e5 11.a4 b4 12.Nd2 a5 13.Nc4 Ba6 14.Qd3 0-0 15.Rad1 d6 16.Qf3 Bxc4 17.bxc4 Rab8 18.Qb3 Qb6 19.Nc1 Bd4 20.Bxd4* 0-1 6.d4 ♘ge7 7.♗e3 ♘g6-Krstevska,M Norfolk-Devon corr 1903*)* 6.Nb3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nc3 a6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.a4 Ne5 12.Bf4 d6 13.a5 Bd7 44/01-N,N 2001]

5...Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.a3 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 b5 Repels Na4 **9.Be2 Bb7** White is slightly better. **10.0-0-0 Rc8 11.Kb1** 0.00/21

[11.Rd2± 0.42/20]

11...Nf6= 12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5

[13...Qxc2+ 14.Ka1 exd5 *(14...Bxd5? 15.Rc1+-* Skewer *)* 15.Rc1 Qxe2 16.Rxc8+ Bxc8 17.Rc1±]

14.Bd3 Bxg2 15.Rhg1 Bd5 16.h4 g6 17.Qf4 Be7

[17...Bg7!? 18.Bd4□ Qb7=]

18.h5 Rf8 19.Bd4 Qb7 20.Rg3 b4! 21.axb4 Qxb4 And now ...Qa4 would win. **22.Bxa6 Rb8 23.Be2 Ra8 24.b3 Qa5** ...Qa2+ is the strong threat. **25.Bb2 Qa2+ 26.Kc1 Rc8→** 0.00/22 Black mounts an attack.

[26...g5∓ -0.37/23 deserves consideration. 27.Qe3 Ba3 28.Bxa3 Qxa3+ 29.Kd2 Qb4+ 30.Qc3 Qf4+ 31.Qe3 Qb4+ 32.Qc3 Qf4+ 33.Ke1 h6]

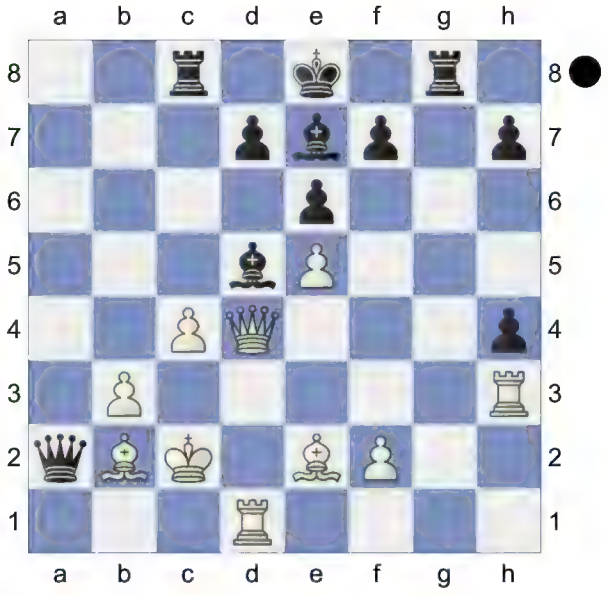
27.c4 gxh5 28.Qd4 -0.53/24

[28.Kc2= 0.00/22 Ba3 29.Rb1]

28...h4 -0.15/23

[28...Bc5!∓ -0.53/24 was preferrable. 29.Qd3 h4 *(29...Bxf2 30.Rh3∓)*]

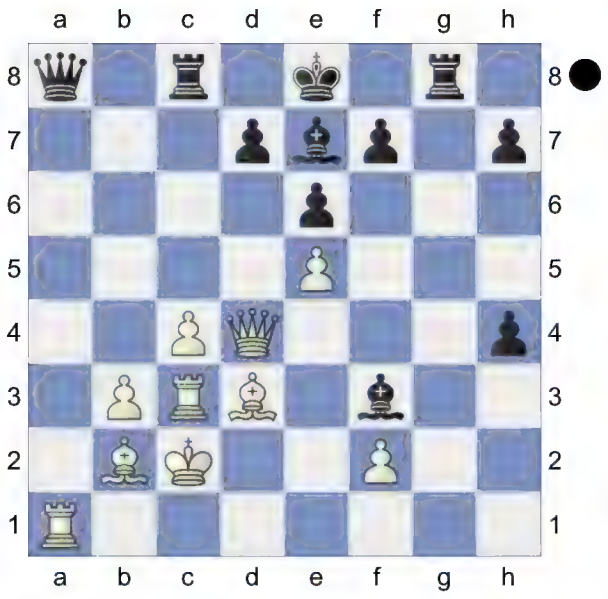
29.Rh3 Rg8 30.Kc2



Threatens to win with Ra1. **30...Qa8 31.Rc3?** -3.30/22 Loses the game.

[31.Ra1= -0.27/23 Qb7 32.Ba3]

31...Be4+-+ 32.Bd3 Bf3 33.Ra1



Qc6 34.Bxh7 Rg2 35.Ba3 -5.73/20
[35.Rf1 -2.86/20 Rg7 36.Qd3]
35...Bxa3 Black is clearly winning. **36.Rxa3 h3** White must now prevent ... h2. **37.Qh4 h2 38.Ra1 Rg1 39.Qxh2 Rxa1 40.Bg6** White threatens Qh8+ and mate. **40...Kd8** Weighted Error Value: White=0.37/Black=0.12 (very precise)
[And not 40...fxg6 41.Qh8+ Ke7 *(41...Kf7 42.Qf6+ Ke8 43.Qh8+ Kf7 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Qxg6+ Kh8 46.Qh6+ Kg8 47.Qg6+ Kh8 48.Qf6+ Kg8 49.Qg5+ Kh7 50.Qh4+ Kg6 51.Qf6+ Kh5 52.Qf7+ Kh6 53.Qf4+ Kh7 54.Rxf3=)* 42.Qf6+ Ke8 43.Qh8+ Kf7 44.Qh7+ Kf8 45.Qh8+ Ke7 46.Qf6+ Ke8 47.Qh8+=]
0-1

B12

☐	**Vidit,S.**	**2739**
■	**Praggnanandhaa,R.**	**2737**

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[Kitty Kat]

B12: Caro-Kann: Advance Variation **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nd2 e6 5.Nb3 Nd7 6.Nf3 Qc7 7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5** White is slightly better. **9.Nxc5 Qxc5**
[9...Nxc5 10.Be3 Ne7 11.Nd4 a6 12.a4 Rc8 13.f4 Be4 14.0-0 Nf5 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.c3 0-0 17.a5 Qc6 18.Bd4 h6 19.Rf2 Ne6 20.Ra4 Qc7 21.Bb6 Qe7 22.Bf3 Rc6 23.g3 f6 24.Bxe4 Dominguez Perez,L (2763)-Caruana,F (2818) Saint Louis (rapid) 141/(115) 2019]
10.Nd4
[10.Bd3 Ne7 11.0-0 Bg4 12.Re1 Ng6 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Qd4 Bxf3 15.Qxc5 Nxc5 16.gxf3 Rc8 17.Re2 Na4 18.Be3 a6 19.Bd4 Rh4 20.Rd1 b5 21.Kg2 Kd7 22.Red2 Kc6 23.h3 Rch8 24.Rh1 Nb6 0-1 Lesbekova,A (1903)-Khotenashvili,B (2427) FIDE World Rapid Team Almaty KAZ 2024 (1.23)]
10...Ne7 11.Bb5N -0.14/21
[11.f4 0.23/20 was preferrable. Be4 12.Be3 Qb4+ 13.Qd2 Qxd2+ 14.Kxd2 a6 15.a4 Rc8 16.c3 Bxg2 17.Rhg1 Be4 18.h4 g6 19.a5 Nb8 20.h5 Nf5 21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.h6 Nd7 23.Ra4 Nc5 24.Bxc5 Rxc5 25.Rb4 Rxa5 26.Rxb7 1-0 Gysi,A (1990)-6. ♘f3 ♘bd7 7. ♖c1 h6_527 (2344) Shamkir 124/19 2015 (4)]
11...Qc7 0.22/21
[11...Nc6 -0.14/21 is more appropriate. 12.Bxc6 bxc6]
12.Bxd7+= Qxd7 Black is weak on the dark squares **13.Bg5 Nc6 14.Nxf5 exf5 15.0-0** -0.21/21
[15.f4!± 0.33/25]
15...h6 16.Qh5 -0.73/24
[16.Bd2= -0.22/23 keeps the balance.]
16...Qe6 -0.15/24
[16...hxg5? 17.Qxh8+ Ke7

18.Qxa8+-]
[16...0-0!∓ -0.73/24 17.Bf4 Qe6]
17.Bd2
[17.f4 is more complex. Nb4 18.c3 Nc2 19.Rab1]
17...0-0
[17...Nxe5 18.Bc3 0-0 19.Rfe1=]
18.f4 d4 19.Qf3 Rfd8 20.Qd3 Rac8 21.b3 Rd7 22.Rf2 Rdc7 23.Rd1 b6 24.h3 a5 25.Be1 Rd8 26.Re2 Rdd7 The position is equal. **27.Qf3 b5 28.Rd3 b4 29.Bf2 Kh7 30.Red2 Qd5 31.Qd1 Qe4 32.Re2 Qd5**
[32...Qxf4? perishes. 33.e6 Re7 34.Bg3+- *(34.Bxd4 Rxe6 35.Rxe6 fxe6∓)*]
33.Red2 Qe4 34.Re2 Qd5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) / Black=0.12 (very precise)
[34...Qxf4? loses. 35.e6 Re7 36.Bg3+- Skewer *(36.Bxd4 Rxe6 37.Rxe6 fxe6∓)*]
½-½

A10

□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
■ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
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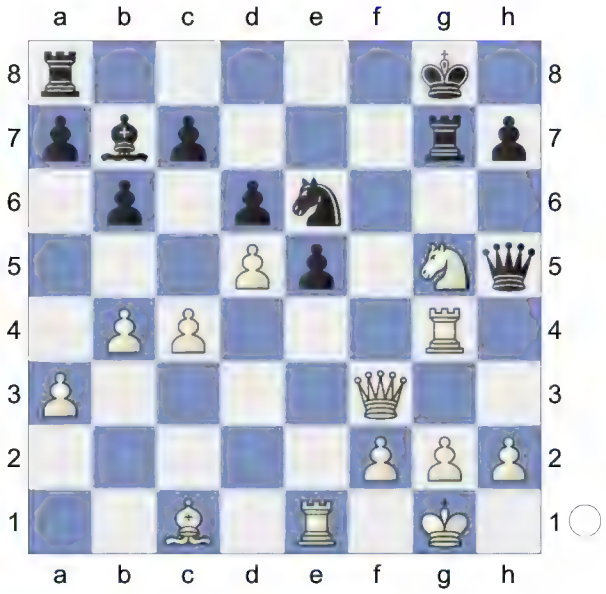
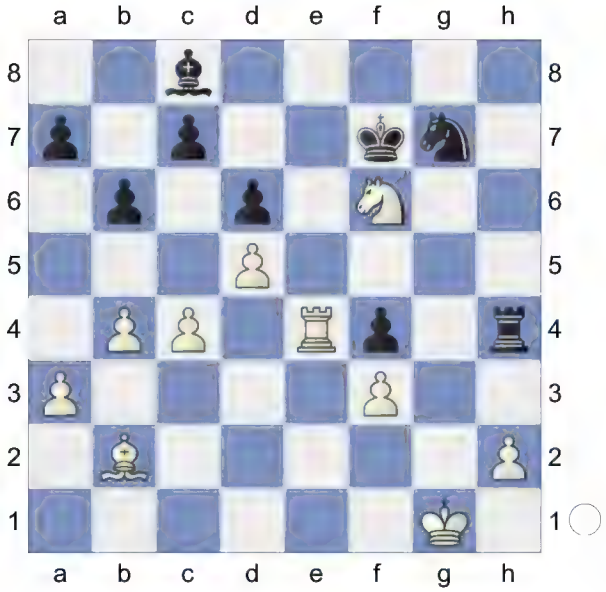
[Kitty Kat]

A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4 **1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.d4 e6 4.a3 Nf6 5.Bf4N**
[5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e4 g5 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.e5 Qe7 10.Ng3 0-0-0 11.Nge4 Bg7 12.c5 f6 13.Qa4 Kb8 14.Rc1 fxe5 15.cxb6 axb6 16.d5 exd5 17.Nxd5 Qe6 18.Bc4 Qg4 19.Be2 Qxg2 0-1 7.c3 ♘c6 8.♖e1-5. a3 (2375) La 104/159 Havana 2008]
[5.d5 exd5 *(5...Bd6 6.Nf3 0-0 7.g3 Na6 8.Bg2 Nc5 9.0-0 Nfe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Nd2* #9 Sidelines-Sidelines: 1...b6 2.d4 e6*)* 6.cxd5 Bd6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bg5 Re8 9.e3 c6 10.Bc4 Na6 11.dxc6 dxc6 12.Qc2 h6 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Ba2 b4 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Ne4 Rxe4 17.Qxe4 bxa3 18.Qd4 axb2+ 19.Kxb2 Be7 8 Part Chapter-Games Part 3 Chapter 8 Game]
5...g6 6.Qc2 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.Nf3 White is slightly better. **8...d6 9.Be2 Nc6 10.Rd1 Qe8 11.d5 Nd8 12.0-0** White has more active pieces. **12...Nh5 13.Bc1 Kh8 14.b4 f5** 2.07/19
[14...e5± 1.27/19 15.c5 bxc5]
15.exf5+- gxf5 16.Nb5 Rf7 17.Ng5 Re7 18.Nd4 Qg6 19.Rfe1 Threatens to win with Bxh5.
[19.Ngxe6 Nxe6 20.Nxe6 Rxe6 21.Bxh5 Qxh5∓]
19...Bxd4 20.Bxh5
[20.Rxd4 exd5 21.Rdd1 *(21.cxd5 Nf7+-)* 21...Ng7 22.cxd5 Nf7±]
20...Qxh5 21.Rxd4 e5 22.Qxf5 Kg8 Inhibits Qf8+. Black is weak on the dark squares **23.Rg4** Threatening mate with Ne6+. **23...Rg7 24.Qf3 Ne6** 3.78/20
[⌓24...Bc8 2.28/23 25.Rf4 Qxf3 26.Rxf3 h6]



25.Ne4! Kh8 ...Nd4 is the strong threat.
26.Rxg7 Discovered Attack **26...Qxf3**
27.gxf3 Nxg7 28.f4 exf4 29.Bb2
[Much less strong is 29.Bxf4 Kg8 30.Bd2 Rf8]
29...Kg8 30.Nf6+ Kf7 31.Nxh7 1.39/19
[White should try 31.Re4+- 1.88/19]
31...Rg8 2.50/22
[31...b5± 1.39/19]
32.Nf6! Rh8 33.Re4 Rh4 34.f3! Bc8



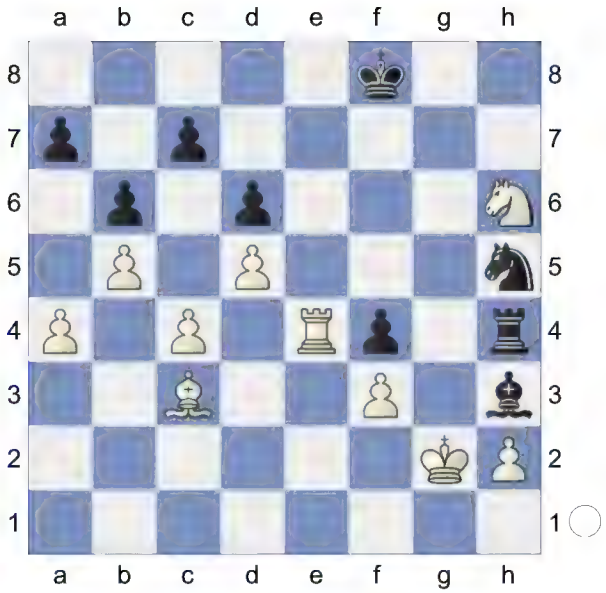
35.Ng4! Nh5
[35...Nf5 36.Rxf4]
36.Nh6+ Kf8 37.Bc3 Bd7 38.b5 Bc8 39.a4 Bd7 40.Kg2 Bh3+

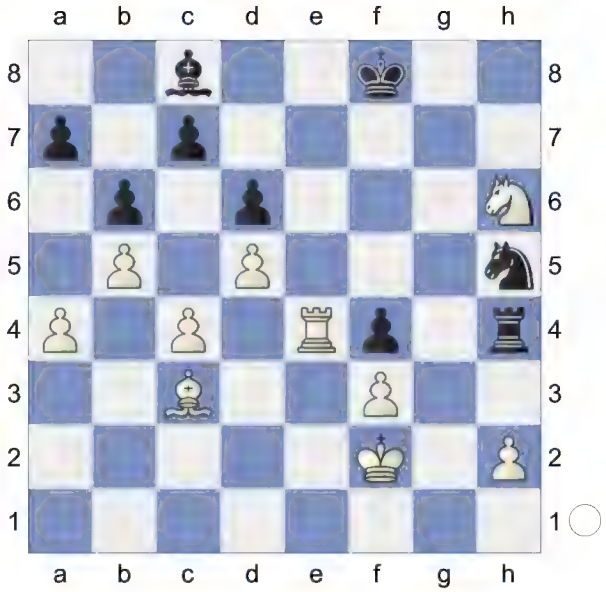
(Diagram)

41.Kf2? 0.55/23
[41.Kg1!+- 2.71/26]
41...Bc8? 3.43/24
[41...Ng3!± 0.55/23 42.hxg3 fxg3+ 43.Kxg3 Rxh6 44.Rf4+ Ke8]

(Diagram)

42.Kg1! Bd7 43.Re2 Ng3 44.hxg3 Rxh6 Endgame. KRB-KRB **45.Bd2**





[Less strong is 45.gxf4 Bf5±]
45...Bf5 46.Bxf4 Rh7 47.Rd2 Dodges Bd3 **47...Bb1 48.g4 Kf7 49.Kg2 Kf6** 4.50/24
[⌓49...Rh8 3.20/19 50.a5 bxa5]
50.Be3 Re7 51.Kf2 Re8 52.Bd4+ Kf7 53.Kg3 a6 5.83/22
[53...Rg8 3.85/21 was worth a try. 54.Bc3 Re8]
54.f4 axb5 55.axb5 Rg8 56.Kf3 Ra8 57.f5 White is clearly winning. **57...Ra4 58.Kf4 Rxc4 59.g5 Rc1 60.g6+ Kg8 61.Rh2 Rf1+ 62.Ke3** White took control

after the opening. Weighted Error Value: White=0.30/Black=0.43
1-0

D25
□ **Narayanan,SL.** **2647**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
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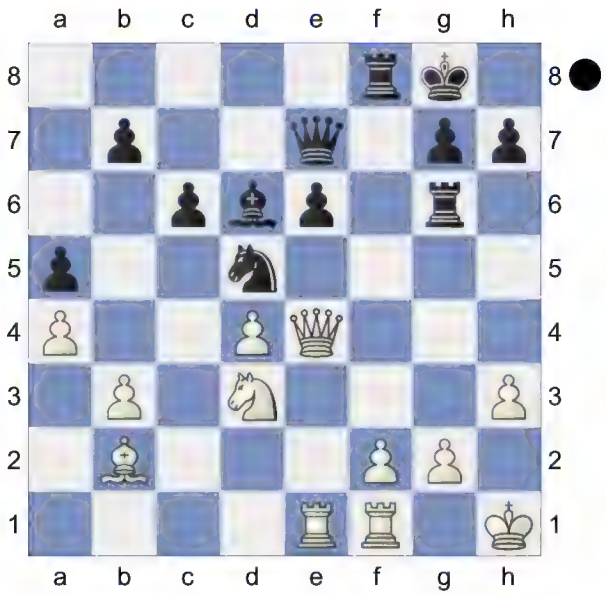
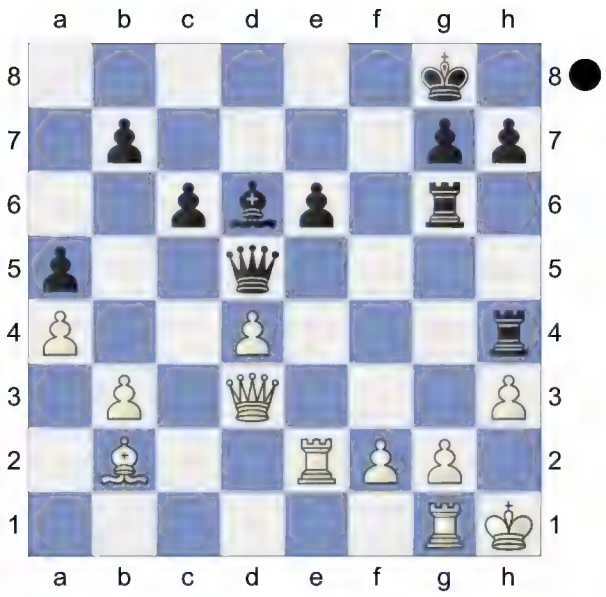
[Kitty Kat]

D25: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3: sidelines and 4...Bg4 **1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Bg4 5.Bxc4 e6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.h3 Bh5 8.0-0 c6N**
[8...Bd6 9.e4 e5 10.Be2 *(10.g4 Bg6 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Bxe5 13.f4* N,N-3... ♘f6 4.e3 ♗g4 *Qd4+ 14.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 15.Kh2 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Bxe4 17.g5 Bd5 18.Re1+ Kf8 19.Bd3 Ne8 20.f5 Nd6 21.Ba3 h6 22.g6 Re8 23.Bb5 Re7 24.Rad1 a6 25.Ba4 b5 26.Bc2 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 fxg6 28.fxg6* 1-0 Pogosian,M-12.♗d2 ♘h6 13.c5_12151 52/90 Hamburgo 1991 *)* 10...0-0 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nd4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Ng6 14.Nf5 Be5 15.f4 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Re8 17.e5 Nd5 18.Qf3 Nb6 D 25/03-N,N 2003]
[8...Bb4 9.Be2 0-0 10.Qb3 c5 11.Na4 b6 12.Rd1 Qe7 13.a3 Ba5 14.dxc5 bxc5 15.Bd2 Bc7 16.Bc3 e5 17.Re1 Bg6 18.Rac1 Rab8 19.Qc4 Ne4 20.b4 Nb6 21.Nxb6 axb6 22.bxc5 Nxc5 23.Qh4 ½-½ 3.d4 cd4 4. ♘d4 e5 5. ♘b5/ (2521)-Wiacek,K (2467) (ch) 129/116 Great Britain 2016]
9.Be2 Be7 10.b3 0-0 11.Bb2 Nd5 12.a3 a5 13.Rc1 f5 The position is equal. **14.Nd2** -0.07/23
[14.Nb1± 0.34/25]
14...Bg6 0.46/20
[14...Bxe2= -0.07/23 15.Nxe2 Bd6]
15.Bf3 -0.03/20
[15.Nc4± 0.46/20 deserves consideration.]
15...N7f6 0.43/19
[15...Nxc3= -0.03/20 16.Bxc3 *(16.Rxc3 e5±)* 16...Bxa3]
16.Nc4 0.00/22
[16.Na4± 0.43/19]
16...f4= 17.exf4 Nxf4 18.Ne5 Inhibits Nd3. **18...Bf5 19.Ne2 Nxe2+ 20.Bxe2 Nd5 21.Bd3 Bd6 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Nd3 Qf6** Hoping for ...Rg5. **24.Qe2 Rg5** Threatens to win with ... Qg6. **25.Rce1 Rg6 26.Qe4! Rf8→** Black attacks. **27.Kh1! Qe7 28.a4?** -1.80/19
[28.Bc1!= 0.00/19]



28...Nf4!-+ 29.Nxf4 -2.60/22
[29.Ba3∓ -1.59/25 Nxg2 *(29...Nxd3 30.Bxd6 Nxf2+ 31.Rxf2∓)* 30.Ne5 Nxe1 31.Nxg6 hxg6 32.Bxd6 Qxd6 33.Rxe1]
29...Rxf4 30.Qe3 Qg5 31.Rg1 Qd5 aiming for ...Rh4. **32.Re2?** -5.00/20
[32.Ba3 -2.77/19 Rxd4 33.Bxd6]
32...Rh4 33.Qd3



Rg3!! Skewer. Weighted Error Value: White=0.36/Black=0.13 (very precise)
0-1

		B52
☐	**So,W.**	**2747**
■	**Dubov,Daniil**	**2693**
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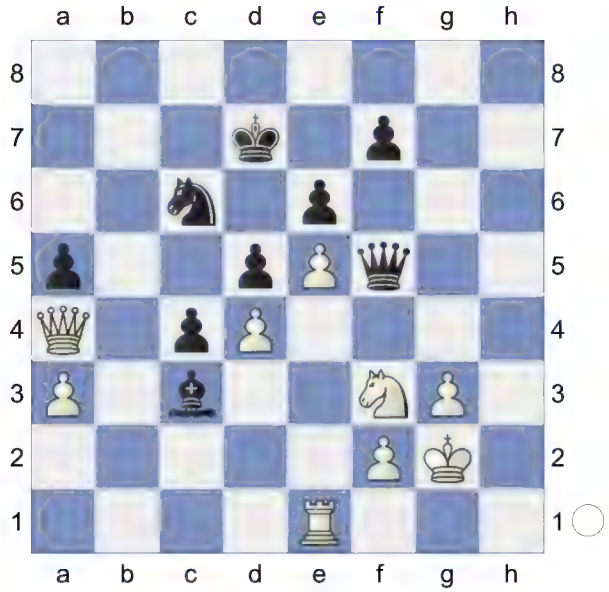
[Kitty Kat]

B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3...Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+N**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 *(5...Nf6 6.Bc4 g6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Qxd8* 3. Sicilian Defense,M-Modern Variation,T*)* 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.h3 e6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Rd1 Bd7 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bg5 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Bd5 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.a4 b4 1-0 Espina,C (1958)-4. ♘f3 ♗g7 5.h3 00 6.♗e3 (1941) Stockholm 2006 (5)]
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d5 Nb8 10.h3 Bd7 11.Bf4 a5 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Na6 14.Re1 Nc5 15.Bf3 Rc8 16.Qe2 e6 17.Rad1 exd5 1-0 10.♔b1 b5 11. c5_7382 (2790)-Manickammal,D EU/M/147 corr ICCF 1964]
[3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 e5 7.c3 Nge7 8.Nh4 0-0 9.f4 exf4 10.gxf4 f5 11.Nd2 Kh8 12.Ndf3 fxe4 13.dxe4 d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 Nxd5 16.Ng5 Nb6 17.Be3 Na4 Chapter-Games Chapter 1962 Game 62]
3...Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Re1 e6 7.c3 0.02/26
[7.d4± 0.40/20 might be stronger.]
7...d5= 8.d3 Nge7 9.Nbd2 Rd8 10.e5 Nf5 11.Nf1 Be7 12.Ng3 Nxg3 13.hxg3 b5 14.d4 h6 15.Be3 c4 16.g4 -0.04/20
[16.a3± 0.32/22]
16...b4 17.g3 Rb8 18.Kg2 bxc3 19.bxc3 Qb7 20.g5 Kd7 0.74/21
[20...Qb2± 0.37/23 is more appropriate.]
21.gxh6± gxh6 22.Qd2 Qb2 23.Bxh6 Rxh6 1.26/20 **24.Qxh6** Strongly threatening Rac1. **24...Qxc3 25.Rab1** 0.31/21
[25.Qh7!± 1.36/20]
25...Rxb1!± 26.Rxb1 Qd3 0.81/21 Dodges Qh7
[26...Qc2!= 0.16/23 27.Rc1 Qxa2]
27.Qc1 0.33/22
[Better is 27.Re1!± 0.81/21]
27...Ba3!
[27...Nxd4? perishes. 28.Nxd4 Qxd4 29.Rb7+ Ke8 30.Qh6 Qxe5 31.Qh7 *(31.Rxa7 Qe4+ 32.Kg1 Qe1+ 33.Kg2 Qe4+ 34.Kg1 Qe1+ 35.Kg2 Qe4+=)* 31...Qe4+ 32.Qxe4 dxe4 33.Rxa7+-]
28.Qh1 Nb4 1.15/24
[28...Kc7= 0.00/26]
29.Qe1 0.00/26
[29.Rd1!± 1.15/24 Qf5 30.Qh8]

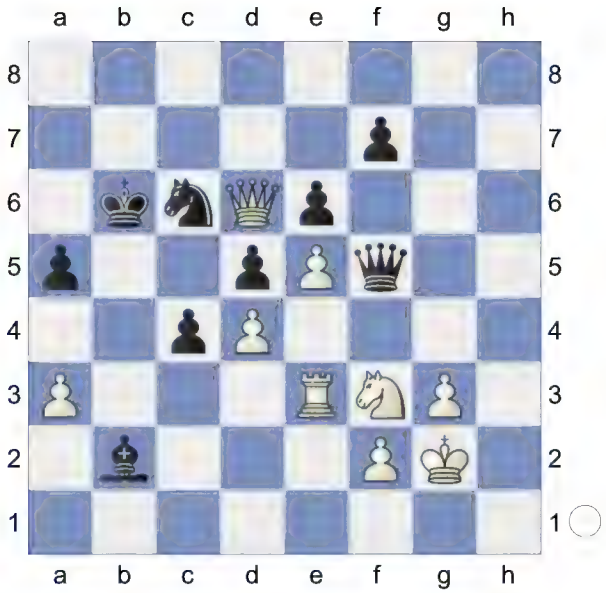
29...a5= 30.Rd1 Qc2 31.Rd2 Qe4 0.94/30
[31...Qc1!= 0.00/26]
32.Re2!± Qf5 1.11/24
[32...Qd3± 0.49/29]
33.Qd1! And now Qa4+ would win.
33...Nc6 34.Qa4 Bb4 1.44/22
[⌓34...Bf8 0.88/25]
35.a3! Bc3 36.Re3 1.29/21
[⌓36.Qb5 0.90/24 Kc7 37.Re3]
36...Ba1 37.Re1 0.90/19
[⌓37.Qb5 1.33/26 Kc7 38.Qc5]
37...Bc3



38.Re3 Ba1 39.Qb5 Kc7 Wards off Qb7+ **40.Qc5 Bb2** 1.82/22
[40...a4± 0.90/23 keeps fighting.]
41.Qd6+ Kb6 42.Qc5+ Kc7 43.Qd6+ Kb6

(Diagram)

44.Re2 0.61/19 Prevents Qc2
[White should play 44.a4!+- 1.61/20]
44...Bc3± 45.Qc5+ 0.24/22
[45.Qd7± 0.72/25]
45...Kc7!= 46.Re3 1.96/22
[46.Qf8± 0.66/25]
46...Bb2! Weighted Error Value:



White=0.23 (precise) /Black=0.21 (precise)
½-½

A35

☐ **Nihal,Sarin**	**2676**
■ **Vidit,S.**	**2739**
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[Kitty Kat]

A34: Symmetrical English: 2 Nc3, lines with ...d5 **1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 d5**
[4...g6 5.Bg2 d6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nxc6 *(9.Nc2 Rc8 10.Bd2 Qa5 11.Nb5 Qb6 12.b3 d5 13.Be3 Qa5 14.cxd5 Qxb5 15.dxc6 Bxc6 16.Nd4 Qh5 17.Bxc6+ bxc6 18.Nf3 Ng4 19.Rc1 Nxe3 20.fxe3 0-0 21.Qd7 Qa5 22.Rc2 Bf6 23.Kg2 Rfd8* Bu Xiangzhi (2349)-Dvoirys,S (2539) Moscow 2010*)* 9...Bxc6 10.e4 0-0 11.Re1 Nd7 12.Nd5 Nc5 13.Rb1 a5 14.Bg5 Re8 15.Qd2 Bxd5 16.exd5 Bf6 17.Be3 Qb6 18.b3 Qb4 19.Qe2 Fedorov,V (2632)-Hodge,J (2606) (ol) 17/303

Nice 1974]

5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 Nc7N

[6...Nxc3 7.bxc3 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rb1 Qc7 11.Be3 Be6 12.Qa4 b6 *(12...Rac8 13.Ng5 Bxg5 14.Bxg5 b6 15.Rfd1 Qd7 16.Rb2 f6 17.Bc1 Rfd8 18.Rbd2 Bd5 19.Bf1 Be6 20.Bg2 Bd5 21.Bf1 Rb8 22.Qh4 Qf7 23.c4 Be6 24.e3 Rd6 25.f4 Rbd8 26.Bg2 Ne7 27.Be4* 0-1 11.d5 c4 12.Bc2 Qc7 (2545)-Strichalski,J (2530) 49/(489) Bad Woerishofen 1990 (6)*)* 13.Nd2 Rac8 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxf4 Qd7 16.Nc4 Rfd8 17.Bxc6 Qxc6 18.Qxa7 Bxc4 19.dxc4 Qe4 20.Qxb6 Bf6 N,N-N,N 4.g3]

7.0-0 e5 8.d3 Be7 9.Nd2 Bd7 10.Nc4 f6 11.f4 b5 12.Ne3 0-0 13.fxe5 Nxe5 The position is equal. **14.Bxa8 Qxa8 15.Nf5 Re8 16.Nxe7+ Rxe7 17.Bf4 Bh3→** Black is up to no good. **18.Rf2** Against Qg2+ **18...Ng4 19.Bxc7?** -1.68/25

[19.Qb3+? c4 20.Qb4 Nxf2-+]

[19.Rf3!= 0.30/19]

19...Nxf2-+ 20.Kxf2 Qg2+

[Not 20...Rxc7 21.Qb3+ c4 22.Qxb5=]

21.Ke1

(Diagram)

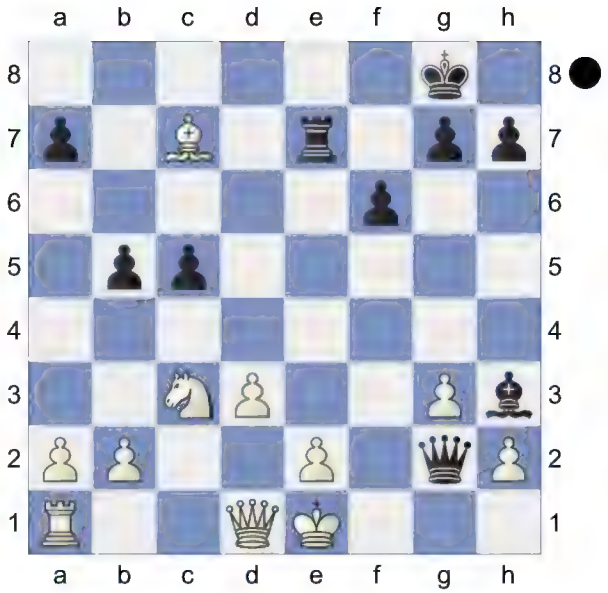
Rxc7 -0.78/24

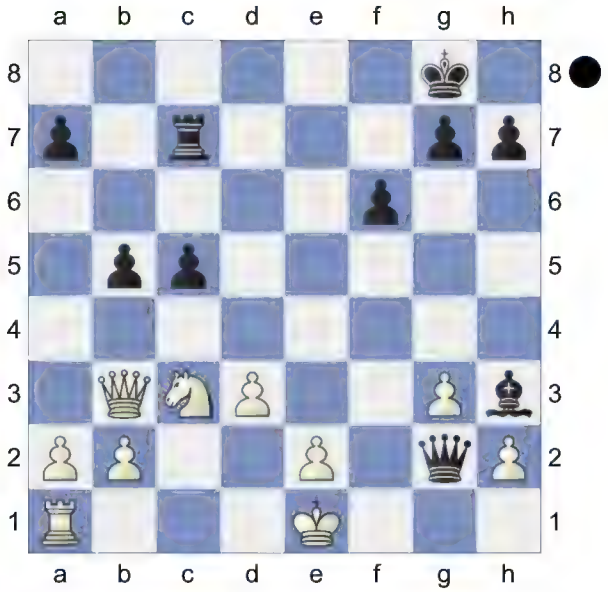
[⌓21...b4! -1.45/24 22.Ne4 *(22.Qb3+? Be6-+* Deflection*)* 22...Rxc7]

22.Qb3+ -1.17/23

[⌓22.Kd2 -0.78/24]

(Diagram)





22...Rf7!∓ 23.Kd2 Qxh2 24.Qxb5 Qxg3 White must now prevent ...Qf4+. **25.Qxc5 Qg5+** -0.48/22

[Better is 25...Bg4∓ -1.18/21 26.a3 Qf4+ 27.Qe3 Qxe3+ 28.Kxe3 Re7+ 29.Kf2 Rb7]

26.Qxg5∓ fxg5 Endgame. KRB-KRN **27.Ne4 h6 28.b4 Bg2 29.Nc5** -0.61/24

[29.Rg1= -0.14/27 Bxe4 30.dxe4]

29...g4 30.Rg1 Bh3 31.Ne4 g5 0.25/27

[31...h5∓ -0.97/22]

32.b5 Kg7 33.a4 Kg6 34.a5 h5 35.b6

axb6 36.axb6 h4 Threatens to win with ...Rb7.
[36...Rb7!? 37.Rb1□ h4=]
37.Rb1 Rb7 aiming for ...g3. **38.Nc5 Rb8 39.b7** Nd7 would now be deadly. **39...Bg2** Strongly threatening ...h3. **40.e4 g3 41.Nd7**
[Don't go for 41.Na6? Rxb7 42.Rxb7 h3-+]
41...Rxb7 42.Rxb7 Rb6+ is the strong threat. **42...h3 43.Ne5+ Kf6 44.Ng4+ Kg6 45.Rb6+ Kh5 46.Nf6+ Kh4?** #3/20
[46...Kg6= 0.00/22]
47.Rb8 g4 48.Rb5 Quite a comeback for White. Weighted Error Value: White=0.11 (very precise) /Black=0.28 (precise)
1-0

B30

□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2737**
■ **Narayanan,SL.** **2647**
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[Kitty Kat]

B30: Sicilian: 2...Nc6 3 Bb5, lines without ...g6 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6**
[3...g6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nf6 7.e5 Nd5 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Qh4 f6 10.Bh6 0-0 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.c4 Nc7 13.Nc3 d5 14.exd6 Qxd6 15.Rad1 Qc5 16.b3 e5 17.Rfe1 Bf5 18.Ne4 ½-½ Jamrich,G (2222)-8.♗d2 ♕e7 (2300) Antalya 90/(24) 2004 (10)]
4.Bxc6
[4.d4 Nge7 5.c3 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.0-0 Bd7 9.Nc3 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11.a3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Re8 13.Be4 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Bf6 15.Qd3 g6 16.Bh6 Qc7 17.c4 Red8 18.Rad1 Na5 1-0 Hanke,L (2709)-10.♗c2 c5 11.♘bd2 (2728) NAICCC VIII 9600 corr ICCF 1996 (2)]
4...bxc6 5.b3 f6N
[5...d5 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.e5 Nd7 8.d3 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 a5 11.Na4 Ba6 12.c4 Nb6 13.Nxb6 Qxb6 14.Bg5 Bxg5 15.Nxg5 4...bxc6 5...d5-N,N Sicilian Rossolimo for white Rossolimo 3..e6]
6.0-0 Nh6 7.d4 Nf7 8.Ba3 cxd4 9.Bxf8 The position is equal. **9...Kxf8 10.Qxd4 e5 11.Qc3 Qb6 12.Rd1 a5 13.Qe1** 0.04/24
[13.Qd3± 0.46/22 deserves consideration.]
13...d5!= 14.Nc3 d4 15.Na4 Qa7 16.c3 c5 17.cxd4 cxd4 18.Rdc1 Bg4 19.Nd2 Ke7! 20.Nc4 Rhb8 Prevents Ncb6. **21.Rc2 Bd7 22.Nab2** -0.42/20
[22.Rac1= -0.01/21]
22...a4 23.b4 a3 24.Nd3 Bb5 25.Rac1 -0.52/20
[25.Nc5= -0.16/21]
25...Kf8!∓ 26.Nc5 Kg8 27.Na5 Qb6 Wards off Ne6 **28.Rb1 Nd6! 29.Rb3 Be8! 30.h4 Nb5 31.Nc4** -1.71/20
[31.Qd2∓ -1.22/19]
31...Qa7 -1.24/21
[Better is 31...Qc7-+ -1.71/20 32.Rd3 Bf7]
32.f4∓ exf4 33.e5 -1.90/21
[33.Qf2∓ -1.21/20]
33...fxe5 -1.29/20
[Black should try 33...Bg6-+ -1.90/21 34.Re2 Nc3 35.Rxc3 dxc3 36.Qxc3 fxe5 37.Nxe5 Re8]
34.Nxe5 Nc3 Threatens to win with ... Qe7. **35.Qf2 Rd8** ...Qe7 would now be deadly. **36.Qxf4 Ba4?** 3.10/26
[36...h6∓ -1.18/23 stays on course. White must now prevent ...Qe7.

37.Kh2 Qe7]

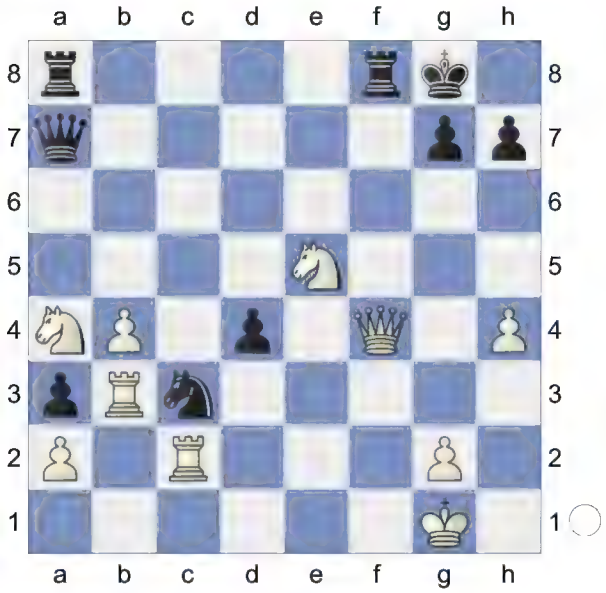
37.Nxa4? 0.02/21 Excellent horsemanship.

[37.Rxa3? Bxc2 38.Rxc3 dxc3-+]

[37.Rcxc3!+- 3.10/26 Qe7 *(37...dxc3? 38.Qc4+ Kh8 39.Nf7++-)* 38.Rf3 *(38.Rxa3 dxc3 39.Qc4+ Kh8+-)* 38...Bxb3 39.Rxb3]

37...Rf8? 2.02/22

[37...d3+= 0.02/21 and Black has nothing to worry. 38.Nc5 Nd5 *(38...dxc2? 39.Rxc3 Rd1+ 40.Kh2+-)*]



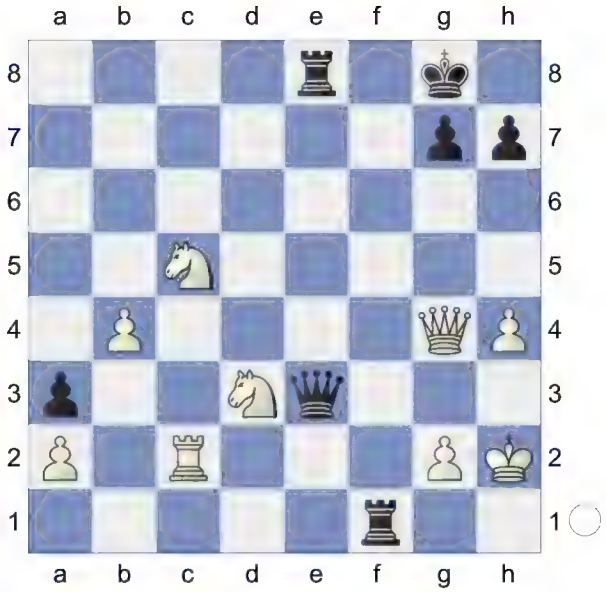
38.Qg4!+- d3+ 39.Nc5 dxc2 40.Rxc3 Rae8 41.Ned3

[Don't play 41.Nf3?! Qb8 *(41...Rxf3? 42.gxf3 Re7 43.Rxc2+-)* 42.Ne6 *(42.Rxa3? c1Q+ 43.Kf2 Qe1#; 42.Rxc2 Rf4±)* 42...Qb6+ 43.Nfd4 Rxe6 44.Qxe6+ Qxe6 45.Nxe6 Re8=]

41...Qe7 aiming for ...Qe3+. **42.Rxc2**

[42.Rxa3 Rf1+ *(42...Qe3+? 43.Kh2-+)* 43.Kh2 Qd6+ *(43...c1B? 44.Nxc1 Qe1 45.Qc4+ Kh8 46.Qxf1-+)* 44.Qg3 Rh1+ *(44...c1Q 45.Nxc1 Qxg3+ 46.Kxg3∓)* 45.Kxh1 Qxg3 46.Nb3 Qxd3]

42...Qe3+ 43.Kh2 Rf1



Prevents Rc1. (→ ...Qg1+) **44.g3! Qg1+ 45.Kh3 Qh1+ 46.Rh2 Qd5** 2.26/22

[46...Qg1± 1.60/21]

47.Nf4 Qc4 2.56/20

[47...Qf7± 1.50/19 48.h5 Ree1]

48.Nce6 Qc3 4.40/18

[48...Re7 2.32/19 49.Nc5 Re8]

49.Qh5 Rc8 10.80/20

[⌓49...Qc8 4.51/19 50.Rc2 Rh1+ 51.Kg4 Qd7]

(Diagram)

50.Ng5! Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.38

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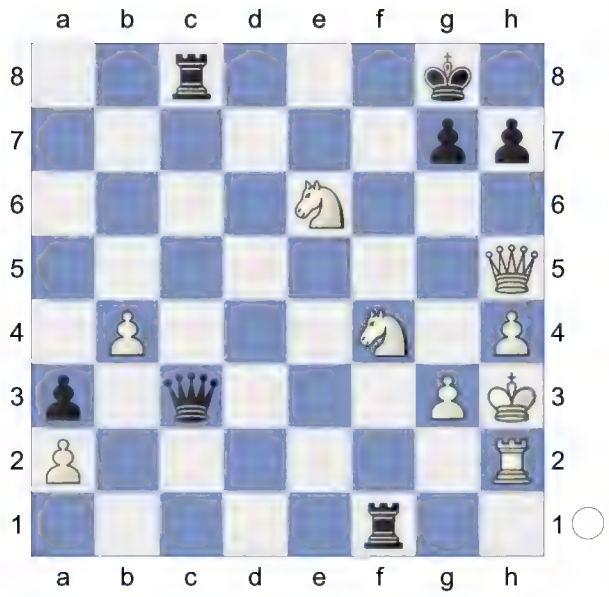

E10

□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**
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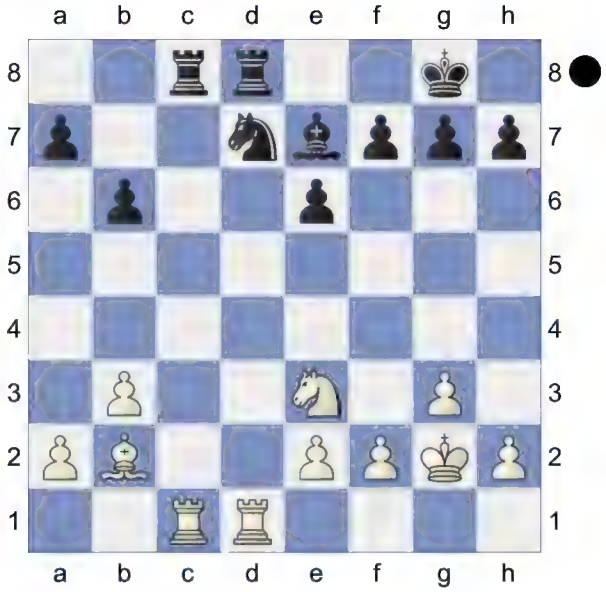
[Kitty Kat]

E16: Queen's Indian: 4 g3 Bb7 5 Bg2 Bb4+ **1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Nbd2N**
[5.Bd2 Bd6 6.Bg2 c6 7.Qc2 0-0 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.b3 *(9.Rd1 Ne4 10.Nc3 f5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Ne2 Nxd2 13.Rxd2 Nf6 14.Rdd1 Bd7 15.Nf4 Be8 16.a3 Ne4 17.Ne5 g5 18.Nfd3 h5 19.b4* Topalov,V (2813)-Ponomariov,R (2727) Zürich (rapid) 2009) 9...Ne4 10.Nc3 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 f5 12.Rab1 Qe7 13.e3 b6 14.cxd5 Ba6 15.dxc6 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 Nf6 17.Nb5 Bc7 18.Nc4 a6 19.Nxc7 Qxc7 1-0 Spies (2373)-12.b3 (2144) Dublin 1993 (5)]
[5.Nc3 0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 Nc6 8.0-0 Bxc5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.a3 #1 7. Catalan Opening,4-The 5.Nc3 Alternative]
5...0-0 6.Bg2 b6 7.0-0 Bb7 8.b3 dxc4 9.Nxc4 Nbd7 10.Bb2 White has an edge. **10...Be7 11.Rc1 c5 12.dxc5**
[12.Qd3 looks sharper. Qc7 13.Nce5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Rfd8 15.Qe3]
12...Nxc5 13.Nfe5 Bxg2 The position is equal. **14.Qxd8 Rfxd8 15.Kxg2 Rac8** Dodges Nc6 **16.Ne3 Nfd7 17.Nxd7 Nxd7 18.Rfd1**



aiming for Rxc8. **18...Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Nc5 20.Kf3 f6 21.Rd1 Rxd1 22.Nxd1 Kf7 23.Nc3** Not much happened in this game. Weighted Error Value: White=0.04 (flawless) /Black=0.01 (flawless)
½-½

D52

□ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
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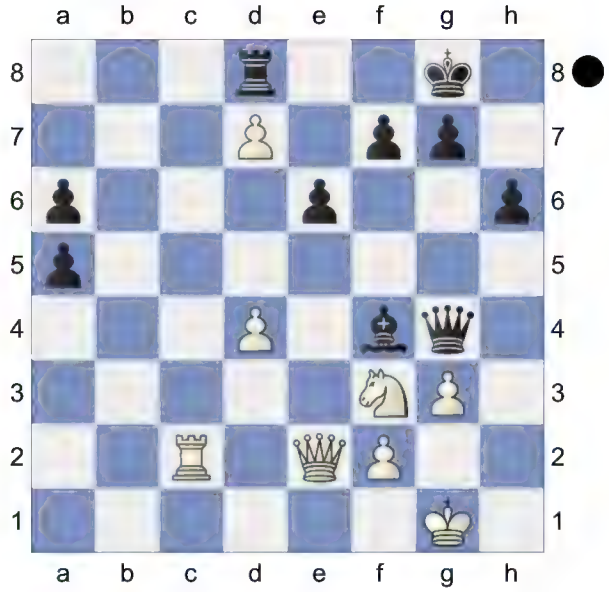
[Kitty Kat]

D52: Queen's Gambit Declined: Cambridge Springs Variation **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Rc1 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Ba3 10.Rc2** White has

an edge. **10...c5N**
[10...b6 11.Be2 *(11.Bd3 Ba6 12.0-0 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 0-0 14.Rb1* Semi Slav Cambridge Springs-Semi Slav Cambridge Springs*)* 11...Ba6 12.0-0 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 *(13.Rxe2 0-0 14.e4 Rfe8 15.e5 Qxc3 16.Re3 Qa5 17.Nd2 Be7 18.Bxe7 Rxe7 19.Ne4 Rf8 20.Qh5 Qd5 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Rh3 g6 23.Qh4 Ref7 24.exf6 Qxd4 25.Ng5 Qxh4 26.Rxh4 Nxf6 27.Nxf7 Kxf7* ½-½ 4.♘f3 g6 5.♘bd2 (2724)-Semi-Slav 5.cxd5 (2618) WchT 3rd Luzern 1993 (1.1)*)* 13...0-0 14.Rd1 *(14.e4 Rac8 15.e5 Qa4 16.c4 Rfe8 17.Rd1 c5 18.d5* Cambridge Springs-N,N *)* 14...Rfe8 15.Bf4 Rac8 16.c4 c5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Bb4 19.Qg4 Kh8 20.h4 Qa4 Ding,L (2805)-Vachier Lagrave,M (2780) Abidjan (blitz) 141/(11) 2019]
11.Bd3 cxd4 12.exd4 b6! 13.Be4 Rb8 14.Bf4

Bb7! 15.Qe2
[15.Bxb8 Bxe4 16.Be5 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 0-0∓]
[15.Bxb7 Rxb7]
15...Ba6 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rc8 18.0-0 0-0 19.c4 Be7 Repels Ng5 **20.h4 Rfd8 21.Rb1 Qh5 22.Rb5 Qg6 23.Qe2**
[23.Qxg6 simplifies hxg6 24.a4 f6 25.g3]
23...h6 24.a4 Qg4 25.g3 a6 26.Rbb2 Bxh4 27.a5 Deflection **27...bxa5 28.c5 Bg5 29.c6 Bxf4 30.cxd7 Rxc2 31.Rxc2**



Bxg3! Demolition **32.fxg3 Qxg3+ 33.Kf1** Black must now prevent Rc8. **33...Rxd7 34.Rc8+ Kh7 35.Qe4+ Qg6**
[35...g6 is interesting. 36.Ne5 Ra7 37.Qc6 Qf4+]
36.Qxg6+ fxg6= Endgame. KRN-KR **37.Ke2 g5 38.Ke3 Rd6 39.Ne5 a4 40.Ke4 a5 41.Rc4 Ra6 42.Rxa4 Kg8 43.Nd3** Nc5 is the strong threat. **43...Kf7** 0.80/28
[43...g4= 0.10/25 remains equal.]
44.Nc5 White is more active. **44...Ra8** 2.34/28
[44...Rb6± 0.99/22 was necessary.]
45.Ke5+- g4 46.Nxe6 h5 47.d5 g3 48.Ra1 h4 49.d6 g2 Hoping for ...Re8. **50.Ng5+** 2.66/21
[⌓50.Rc1 4.56/21 Strongly threatening Rc7+. Ra7 51.Ng5+ Kg6

52.Nh3]
50...Kf8? 4.65/22
[50...Kg6 2.66/21 51.Nh3 *(51.Ne6 Rh8±)* 51...Kf7 *(51...Re8+? 52.Kd5+-)*]
51.Rg1? 0.46/18
[White should play 51.Rc1+- 4.65/22]
51...h3? 7.13/23 **52.Nxh3 a4 53.Rxg2** Ng5 would now be deadly. **53...a3 54.Rf2+ Ke8 55.Ke6 Ra6 56.Ng5** Weighted Error Value: White=0.26 (precise) /Black=0.37
1-0

D33
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
■ **So,W.** **2747**
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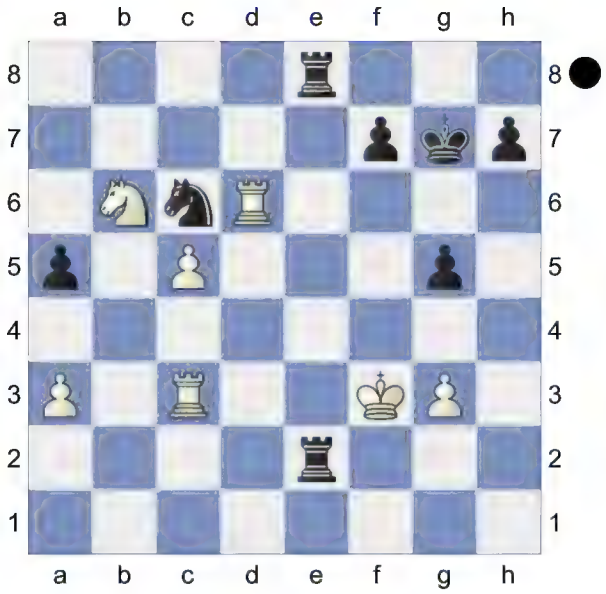
[Kitty Kat]

D33: Tarrasch Defence: 6 g3 sidelines
1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.a3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Be3 White has an edge.
9...Bb6 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0N
[11.Qd2 Na5 12.Rd1 Nc4 13.Qc1 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Re8 15.Qf4 Bg4 16.0-0 Bxd4 17.Rxd4 Bxe2 18.Rb1 Rc8 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 Qc7 21.Re1 Qxf4 22.Rxf4 Rc7 23.Rc4 Rce7 24.Rc2 b6 25.Bc6 Bg4 Chapter-Sidelines]
11...Re8 12.Kh1 -0.34/22
[12.Qd2= 0.10/21 feels stronger.]
12...Bg4 13.Re1 -0.78/22
[13.h3= -0.29/17 should be considered. Bh5 14.Rc1]
13...Qd7 14.Nxc6 And now Bxb6 would win. **14...Bxe3**
[14...bxc6 15.Bd4∓]
15.Nb4 -1.80/24
[15.Nb8∓ -0.86/21 Raxb8 16.fxe3]
15...Bxf2-+ A strong pair of Bishops.
16.Rf1 d4! 17.Rxf2 dxc3 18.Qxd7 Bxd7
[18...Nxd7 19.bxc3 Nc5 *(19...Rxe2 20.Rxe2 Bxe2 21.Bxb7∓; 19...Bxe2 20.Bxb7 Rab8 21.Bc6=)* 20.Bd5∓]
19.bxc3 Ng4 20.Rf4 Rxe2 Threatens to win with ...Rae8. **21.Bxb7** -1.82/22
[21.Rd4∓ -1.32/20 was worth a try. Be6 22.Kg1]
21...Rb8
[Not 21...Rxh2+ 22.Kg1 Rb8 23.Bc6 Bxc6 24.Nxc6=]
22.Bg2 -2.14/22
[22.Bf3 -1.76/20 was necessary. Rxh2+ 23.Kg1]
22...g5 -1.27/20
[Better is 22...a5-+ -2.14/22 23.Nd3 Rc2]
23.Rd4∓

Rbe8 -0.46/21 Black is more active.
24.Bf3 -1.22/22
[24.Rxd7? Re1+ 25.Bf1 Rxa1-+]
[24.Rf1!∓ -0.46/21 Be6 25.Kg1]
24...Rxh2+
[24...Nxh2? is the wrong capture. 25.Bxe2 Rxe2 26.Rxd7+-]
25.Kg1 Ne5 26.Bg2 Rh6↑ Black has

strong initiative. **27.c4 Bh3 28.c5 Kg7** White must now prevent ...Bxg2. **29.Rc1 a5 30.Nd5** -1.54/24
[⌓30.Nd3 -0.94/24]
30...Rd8 -0.67/23
[30...Nc6∓ -1.54/24 31.Rd2 Bxg2 32.Kxg2 Rd8]
31.Rc3? -2.22/27 Now White is beyond hope.
[31.Ne3!∓ -0.67/23 Nf3+ *(31...Rxd4 32.Bxh3* Remove Defender *Rxh3 33.Nf5+ Kg6 34.Nxd4-+)* 32.Bxf3 Rxd4 33.g4]
31...Nc6 32.Rdd3 Bxg2 33.Kxg2 Re6 aiming for ...Re2+. **34.Nb6** -2.97/21
[34.Ne3 -1.72/23 might work better.]
34...Re2+-+ 35.Kf3 Rde8 36.Rd6? -#7/17
[36.g4-+ -1.69/21]



36...R8e4! 37.g4 Weighted Error Value: White=0.46/Black=0.15 (very precise)
[37.Re3 R4xe3+]
0-1

D05
□ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**
■ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
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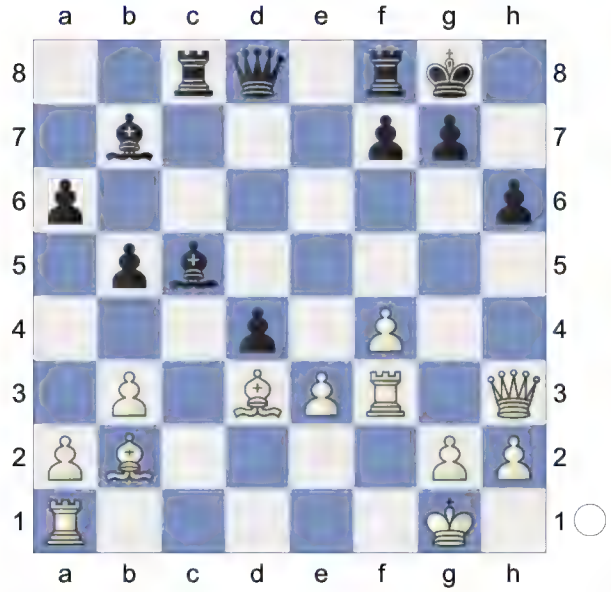
[Kitty Kat]

E14: Queen's Indian: Classical Variation (4 e3) **1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6**
[3...c5 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb2 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Bd6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.c4 Qe7 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Rfd8 15.Rad1 Rac8 16.Bxf6 Qxf6 17.cxd5 Rxd5 18.Ne4 1-0 3..Nf6 (2530)-F: 5 Nf3 Ng6 6 h4 (2405) European Team Ch Pula 1997]
4.Bd3 b6N
[4...c5 5.c3 *(5.b3 b6 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Be7 9.Ne5 0-0 10.f4 cxd4 11.exd4 Ne4 12.Qe2 f5* 10) Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined-Queen ⇗s Gambit Declined Odds 1… e6 Against Everything 2024*)* 5...b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qe2 Be7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 0-0 Beginner Guide Sarin Queen'-Sarin Queen'S Gambit Colle,S 1… e6 Against Everything 2024]
5.0-0 Bb7 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.c4 Nbd7 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nc3 a6 11.Ne5 Bd6 12.f4 c5 13.Qf3 White is slightly better. **13...Rc8 14.Na4 b5** 1.30/21
[14...Re8= 0.30/19 keeps the balance.]
15.Nxd7!± Nxd7 16.Nxc5 1.09/21
[White should try 16.Qh3 1.53/25 h6 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Rf3]
16...Nxc5 17.dxc5 Bxc5 18.Qh3 White has more active pieces. **18...h6** 1.81/19
[18...g6± 0.79/23]
19.Rf3!→ Black must now prevent Rg3.

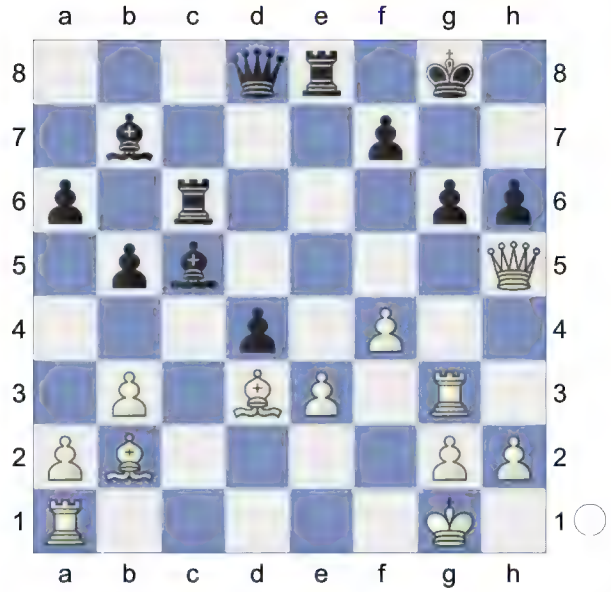
White wants a kill. **19...d4**



20.Qf5! g6 21.Rg3 Rxg6+! would kill now. **21...Rc6 22.Qh5!** Strongly threatening Bxg6! **22...Re8?** 4.05/19

[22...dxe3 23.Qxh6 Rf6 24.Bxf6 e2+ 25.Kh1 Qxf6 26.Bxg6 Qxg6 27.Rxg6++-]

[22...Qf6± 1.33/19]



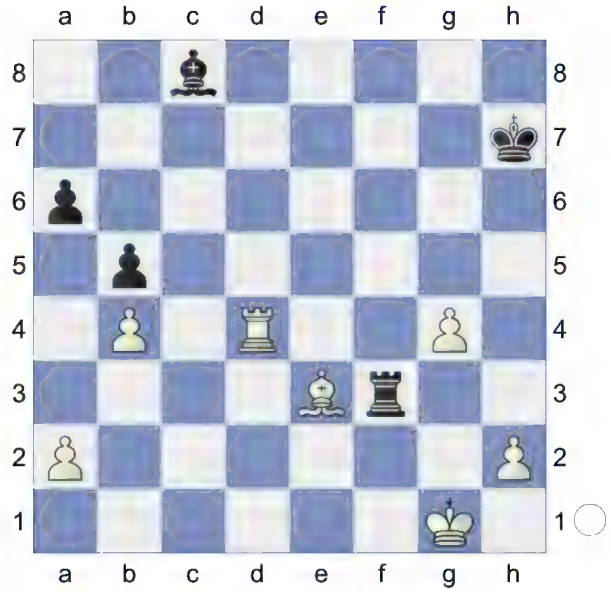
23.Bxg6! D e m o l i t i o n **23...fxg6 24.Rxg6+ Rxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kf8** Hoping for ...Qd6. **26.Qxh6+**

[26.Qf5+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ *(27.Qxc5 Rxe3 28.Qh5 Qf6±)* 27...Kh8 28.Qxh6+ Kg8+-]

26...Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Qf5+ Kg8 29.Qxc5 Rxe3 30.Qxd4 Qxd4 31.Bxd4 Endgame. KRB-KRB **31...Re4 32.Rd1 Rxf4 33.Be3 Rf7 34.b4 Kh7 35.g4 Bc8**

36.Rd4 Kg2 would now be deadly.

36...Rf3



37.Bd2 1.03/24

[37.Bf2!+- 1.99/25]

37...Ra3? 3.56/22

[37...Kg6± 1.03/24 was called for.

38.g5 Bh3]
38.Kf2 Rxa2 39.Kg3 Ra3+ 40.Kh4 Kg6 41.Rd6+ Kf7 42.Kg5 Rh3 43.Bf4 Rh8 44.Rf6+ Ke8 45.Rg6 Dodges Rg8
45...Kf7 46.Be5 Rg8 8.62/19
[46...Re8 2.55/18]
47.Rxg8 White is clearly winning.
47...Kxg8 KB-KB **48.h4 Kf7 49.h5 Be6 50.Kf4** g5 is the strong threat. **50...Kg8 51.g5** White wants to mate with g6.
51...Kh7 52.Kg3 Bf7 53.g6+ Bxg6 54.hxg6+ Kxg6 55.Kf4 Kf7
Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.39
1-0

A15
□ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
■ **Vidit,S.** **2739**
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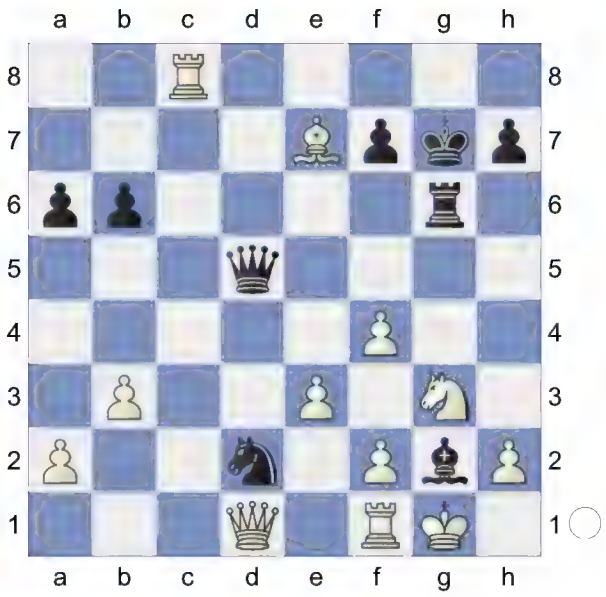
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 **1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 d5 4.Bb2 Bd6 5.g3 0-0N**
[5...b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 a6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 dxc4 12.bxc4 e5 13.d4 Qc8 14.e4 exd4 15.Nxd4 Nc5 16.f3 Bf8 17.Qc2 g6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.cxd5 Bg7 20.f4 ½-½ Maghsoodloo,P (2723)-Niemann,H (2711) FIDE World Rapid Team Almaty KAZ 2024 (11.7)]
6.Bg2 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.0-0 Bb7 The position is equal. **9.Nc3 a6 10.e3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nc5 12.d3 Ne6 13.Ne2 c5** Against Nfd4 **14.d4 Rc8 15.Nh4 Re8 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nf5 Ne4 18.Nf4 Nxf4 19.gxf4**
[19.exf4 simplifies Nf6 20.Qd3 a5 21.Rfe1]
19...Re6 1.47/20
[Black should play 19...g6!± 0.33/22 20.Nh6+ Kf8]
20.Bxg7± Hoping for Be5. White is more active. **20...d4?** 3.39/20 This costs Black the game.
[20...Rg6± 1.51/19 might work better.]
21.Bxd4+- Rg6

White must now prevent ...Nc3! **22.Bxc5 Nd2 23.Ng3 Bxg2?** 4.49/24
[23...Nxf1 2.04/17 was necessary. 24.Bxb7 Nxg3 25.hxg3 *(25.Bxc8 Ne4+ 26.Kf1 Qxc8±)* 25...Qxd1+ 26.Rxd1 Rxc5 27.Bxa6 b5]
24.Be7 Deflection
[24.Kxg2 Nxf1 25.Qxd8+ Rxd8+-]
24...Qd5 250.00/20
[⌓24...Rxc1 4.54/18 25.Bxd8 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Bf3]
25.Rxc8+ Kg7

(Diagram)

26.Qxd2!! Intending Bf8+ and mate.
26...Qxd2
[26...f6 27.Qxd5]
27.Nf5# Weighted Error Value: White=0.



17 (very precise) /Black=0.88
1-0

B52

□ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**
■ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
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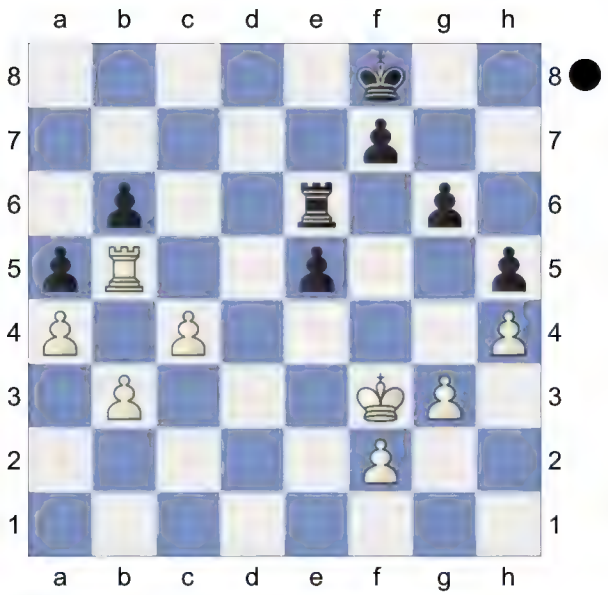
[Kitty Kat]

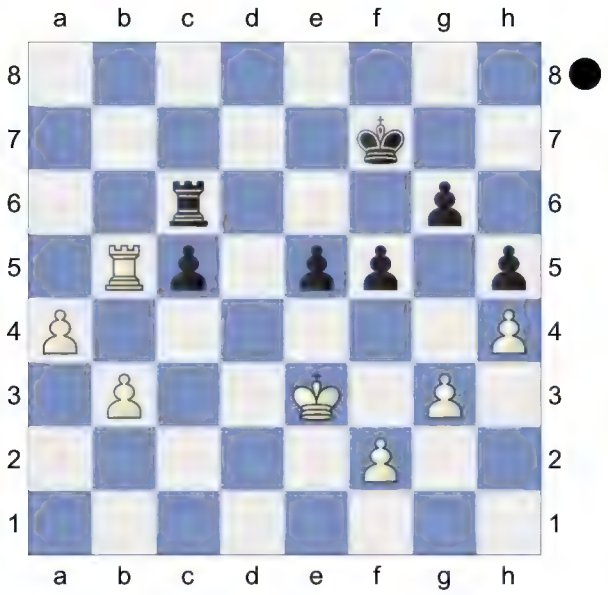
B52: Sicilian: Moscow Variation with 3... Bd7 **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+N**
[3.d4 cxd4 4.c3 dxc3 5.Nxc3 Nc6 *(5...Nf6 6.Bc4 g6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Bxf7+ Kxf7 9.Qxd8* 3. Sicilian Defense,M-Modern Variation,T*)* 6.Bc4 a6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.h3 e6 9.Qe2 Be7 10.Rd1 Bd7 11.Bf4 e5 12.Bg5 b5 13.Bb3 Be6 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Bd5 Rc8 16.Rac1 Qd7 17.a4 b4 1-0 Espina,C (1958)-4. ♘f3 ♗g7 5.h3 00 6.♗e3 (1941) Stockholm 2006 (5)]
[3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d5 Nb8 10.h3 Bd7 11.Bf4 a5 12.e5 dxe5 13.Nxe5 Na6 14.Re1 Nc5 15.Bf3 Rc8 16.Qe2 e6 17.Rad1 exd5 1-0 10.♔b1 b5 11. c5_7382 (2790)-Manickammal,D EU/M/147 corr ICCF 1964]
[3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 e5 7.c3 Nge7 8.Nh4 0-0 9.f4 exf4 10.gxf4 f5 11.Nd2 Kh8 12.Ndf3 fxe4 13.dxe4 d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Qxd5 Nxd5 16.Ng5 Nb6 17.Be3 Na4 Chapter-Games Chapter 1962 Game 62]
3...Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.c4 Nc6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.h3 0-0 11.0-0 Rac8 12.b3 b6 13.Rc1 Rfe8 White is slightly better. **14.Re1 Qb7 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.Bd4 Nd7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Nd5 Nf6 19.Qd2** White is more active. **19...Nxd5 20.exd5**
[20.cxd5 Qb5±]
20...Qd7 21.Rc3 e5 22.dxe6 Rxe6 23.Rxe6 Qxe6± Endgame. KQR-KQR **24.Rd3 Rd8 25.h4 h5 26.g3 Qf6 27.Kg2 Qe5 28.a4 Qe4+ 29.Kh2 Qf5 30.Kg1**
[30.Rxd6? perishes. Rxd6 31.Qxd6 Qxf2+ 32.Kh3 Qf3∓]
30...Re8! 31.Qc3+!
[Much weaker is 31.Rxd6 Qb1+ 32.Kh2 Qxb3=]
31...Qe5 32.Qxe5+ dxe5± 0.75/27 KR-KR
[32...Rxe5± 0.39/29 33.Rxd6 Re2]
33.Rd7± a5 2.19/25
[33...Ra8!± 0.54/26]
34.Rd6+- Rb8 35.Kg2 Kf8 36.Rd5 Re8 37.Kf3 0.36/23
[37.Rd6+- 2.01/29]
37...Re6± 38.Rb5

(Diagram)

Ke4 is the strong threat. **38...f5** 3.22/29 Black is now going downhill.
[38...f6= 0.30/24]



39.c5 bxc5 40.Rxa5 Rc6 41.Ke3 Kf7 42.Rb5



a5 would now be deadly. **42...Ke6?** 4.26/23

[42...g5 1.69/21]

43.a5+- Kd6 44.Kd3 White is clearly winning. **44...f4 45.gxf4 exf4 46.Kc4 g5 47.hxg5** aiming for Rb6. **47...h4 48.Rb8 Ke5 49.Rh8 Kf5 50.Rxh4 Kxg5 51.Rh3 Kg4 52.Rc3 f3 53.Kb5 Rf6 54.a6** Weighted Error Value: White=0.15 (very precise) /Black=0.39

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B33

□ **So,W.** **2747**

■ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2737**

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[Kitty Kat]

B33: Sicilian: Pelikan and Sveshnikov Variations **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 Rb8 12.Nc2 Bg5 13.Be2 0-0 14.0-0 Be6 15.Qd3**

[15.Nce3 g6 16.Qc2 Kg7 17.Rfd1 f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Nf1 Rc8 20.Qd3 e4 21.Qc2 Bxd5 22.Rxd5 Nb4 23.Qb3 Nxd5 24.Qxd5 Qe7 25.Rd1 Qe5 26.Qxd6 Qxd6 27.Rxd6 Rf6 28.Rd7+ Rf7 29.Rd6 Bf4 0-1 Brech (1450)-2...c5 (2092) 311 Linz 2014 (1)]

15...g6

[15...Qd7 16.Qg3 f6 17.Rfd1 a5 18.Na3 Na7 19.h3 Kh8 20.Bg4 Rfc8 21.Bxe6 Qxe6 22.Qd3 Rc5 23.Nc2 g6 24.b4 axb4 25.Ncxb4 Rb7 26.a4 bxa4 27.Rxa4 f5 28.Ra6 Nc8 29.Ra8 Kg7 30.Qe2 1-0 11.Bd2 (2725)-Falke,H (2535) Olympiad (Game 36) Elista 1998]

16.Rfd1N

[16.Rad1 Kg7 17.Ncb4 Nxb4 18.Nxb4 Rb6 19.Nd5 Rc6 Lesson Sveshnikov The,P-Sveshnikov 9.Nd5 10.Bxf6 11.c]

16...Rb7 17.h3 h5 18.Bf3 -0.18/22

[18.b4± 0.43/22]

18...Kg7= 19.Qe2 a5 20.Na3 -0.95/21

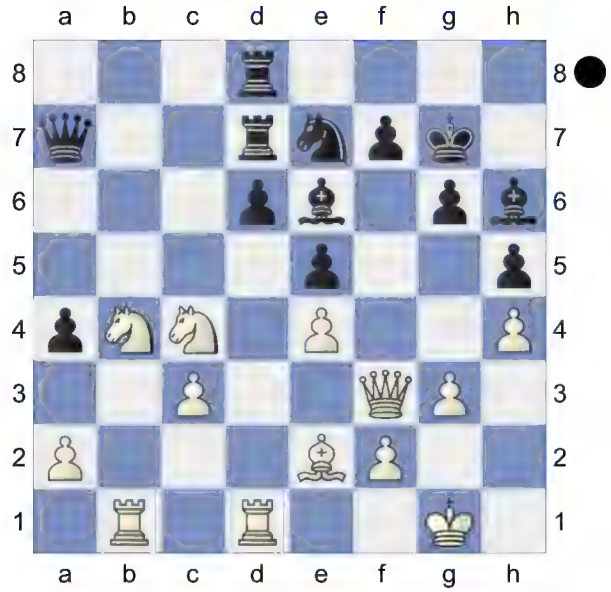
[Better is 20.b3∓ -0.41/22]

20...Qb8!∓ 21.Qd3 b4 22.Nc4 a4 23.Be2 bxc3 24.bxc3 Ne7 25.Nb4 -1.12/23

[25.Nde3∓ -0.39/22]

25...Rd7! 26.Rab1 Qa7 27.Qg3

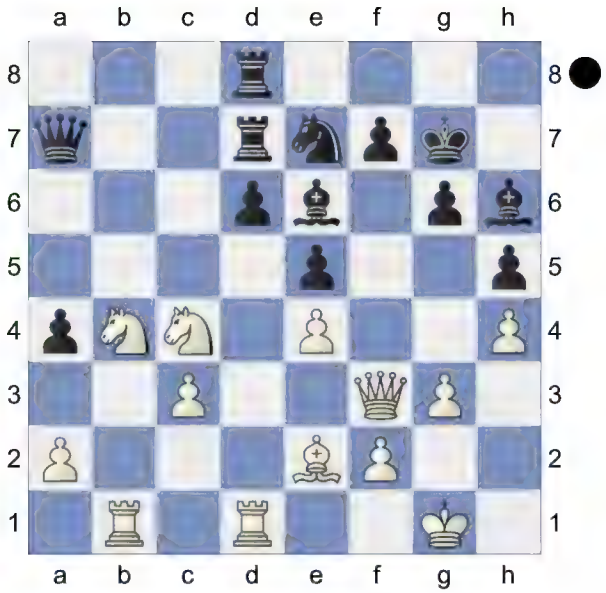
-1.94/22 Inhibits f5.
[27.Nxd6∓ -0.78/23 might work better. Rfd8 28.Qb5]
27...Bf4-+ 28.Qf3 Rfd8 -0.27/23
[28...f5!∓ -1.53/25 Hoping for ...fxe4. 29.Ne3 *(29.Nxd6?* is the wrong capture. *Rxd6 30.Rxd6 fxe4-+; 29.Rxd6?* too greedy. *fxe4 30.Qxe4 Bf5-+* Skewer *)* 29...fxe4 30.Qxe4 Bg3]
29.g3 -0.70/24
[29.Nd5= -0.27/23]
29...Bh6 30.h4 -1.59/23
[30.Bf1∓ -0.55/19]



30...Qc5 -0.82/23
[⌓30...f5! -1.59/23 ...Rf8 would now be deadly. 31.exf5 Bxf5]
31.Na6 Qa7 32.Nb4 -1.53/21
[⌓32.Nb6 -1.06/21 Rb7 33.Nxa4]

(Diagram)

32...Kg8 -0.65/20
[32...f5!∓ -1.53/21 ...Rf8 is the strong threat. 33.Bf1 Rf8]
33.Rb2∓ Qc5 34.Na6! Qa7 White must



now prevent ...Bg4! **35.Nb4 Qc5** 0.00/33
[Black should play 35...Kh7∓ -0.76/20]
36.Na6!= A dynamic duo of knights.
36...Qa7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.29 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½

	D31
□ **Narayanan,SL.**	**2647**
■ **Nihal,Sarin**	**2676**
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[Kitty Kat]

D37: Queen's Gambit Declined: 5 Bf4
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 h6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.e3 0-0 8.Qc2 White is slightly better. **8...a6 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Bd3 Nc6**
[10...Be6 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.Rac1 Rac8 13.h3 c5 14.dxc5 Nxc5 15.Rfd1 Qe7 16.Nd4 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Rc7 18.Nce2 Rfc8 19.Rxc7 Rxc7 20.f3 Bd7 21.Qd2 Rc8 22.Nf4 Re8 23.Kf2 Qd6 24.Rc1 g5 25.Nfe2 1-0 Erigaisi,A (2778)-Duda,J (2733) Chess.com SpeedChess Chess.com INT blitz 2024 (1.10)]

11.a3 Prevents Nb4 **11...Re8N**
[11...Ne7 12.h3 g6 13.0-0 Bf5 14.Rac1 c6 15.b4 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 Nf5 17.Na4 Qe7 18.Nc5 Nd6 19.a4 Nfe4 20.Ne5 Kg7 21.Qc2 a5 22.b5 cxb5 23.axb5 Rfc8 24.Qb2 f6 25.Ned3 Nc4 26.Qa2 1-0 Martirosyan,H (2667)-Svidler,P (2698) FIDE World Rapid Team Almaty KAZ 2024 (7.2)]
12.0-0 Bg4 13.Nd2 Ne7 14.Na4 c6 15.Nc5 Rab8 16.b4 g6 17.a4 Bf5 18.Rfb1 Bxd3 19.Qxd3 Nf5 20.Nf3 Ng4 21.Qd1 Qe7 22.Ra2 0.00/24
[22.b5± 0.43/20]
22...Nd6= 23.h3 Nf6 24.Ne5 Kg7 25.Qd3 Ra8 26.Rc2 h5 27.Qe2 Rac8 28.Ra2 Rc7 29.Rc2 Rcc8 30.Ra2 Rc7 Weighted Error Value: White=0.10 (very precise) /Black=0.05 (flawless)
½-½

C26
□ **Dubov,Daniil** **2693**
■ **Keymer,Vincent** **2733**
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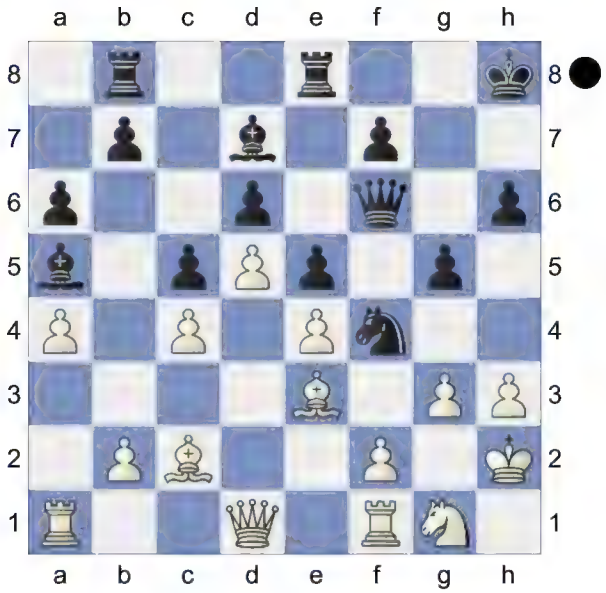
[Kitty Kat]

C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Bb4 4.Nf3 d6 5.Nd5N**
[5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 Be6 *(6...Bxc3 7.bxc3 Nc6 8.Bg5 Bd7 9.Nd2 h6 10.Bh4 a6 11.Rb1 b5 12.Bb3 Na5 13.Qf3 g5 14.Bg3 Kg7 15.Qe2 c6 16.d4 Qe7 17.Rfe1 Rfd8 18.a4 c5 19.Bd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 f6 21.dxc5* ½-½ Bergquist,R (2492)-Orlov,S W-ch24 sf07 email ICCF email 2000*)*
7.Bxe6 fxe6 8.Ne2 Nbd7 9.c3 Ba5 10.a4 c6 11.Ng3 Qe7 12.Qe2 h6 13.d4 C 27/01-N,N 2000]
5...Nxd5 6.Bxd5 c6 7.Bb3 Nd7 8.0-0 White is slightly better. **8...0-0 9.d4** Repels Nc5 **9...h6 10.Be3**
[10.c3!? Ba5□ 11.h3±]
10...Qe7 11.c3 Ba5 12.Re1 Nf6 13.Qd3 Re8 14.h3 Bc7 15.Rad1 Be6 16.c4 c5 17.d5 Bd7 18.Bc2 Ba5 19.Rf1 -0.28/20
[White should play 19.Nd2!± 0.51/20]
19...Rab8 0.39/20
[19...Nh5!= -0.28/20]
20.a4 -0.30/21
[20.Bc1± 0.39/20]
20...a6 0.29/21
[⌓20...Nh5 -0.30/21]
21.Ra1= Nh5 22.Nd2 -0.33/21
[22.Qd1= 0.17/21]
22...Qh4 23.Nf3 Qf6 24.Kh2 Nf4 25.Qd1 Kh8 26.Ng1 g5 27.g3



Rg8! 28.f3
[28.gxf4? gxf4 29.Qh5 Rg5-+ *(29...fxe3 30.fxe3 Qg7 31.Qf3∓)*]
[28.Bd2!? Bxd2 29.Qxd2=]
[28.Bd2 Bxd2]
28...Qg6 29.Rf2!
[29.gxf4? gxf4 30.Qe2 fxe3-+]
29...Rg7 30.Bd2

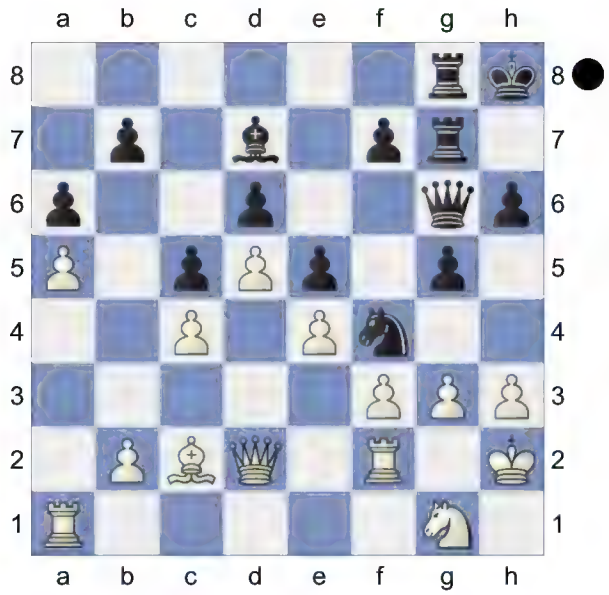
[30.gxf4? gxf4 31.Qe2 Rbg8 *(31...fxe3? 32.Rg2-+)* 32.Bxf4 exf4-+]

30...Bxd2 31.Qxd2 Rbg8

[31...Nh5 32.b4±]

32.a5? -1.57/24

[White should try 32.gxf4= 0.00/22 gxf4 33.Qe2]



32...Qh5! -0.96/25 Black is more active.

33.g4

[33.gxf4 gxf4 34.Kh1 Rxg1+ *(34...Bxh3? 35.Rh2-+)* 35.Rxg1 Qxh3+ 36.Rh2 Qxf3+-+]

33...Qh4 -0.24/28

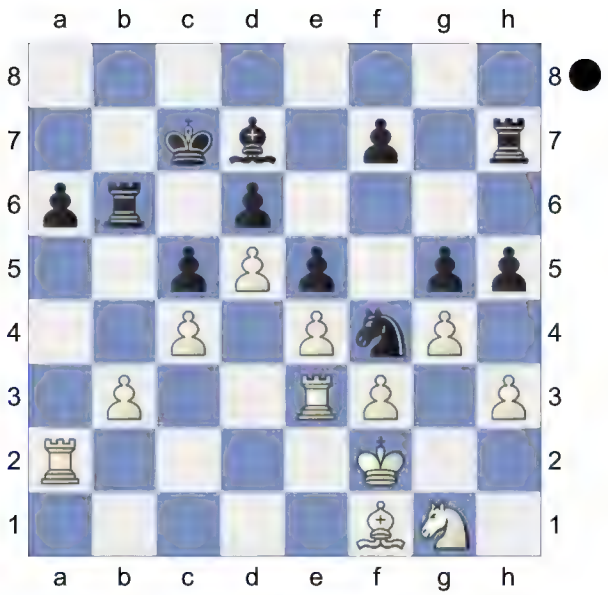
[33...Qg6!∓ -1.15/27 34.b4 cxb4]

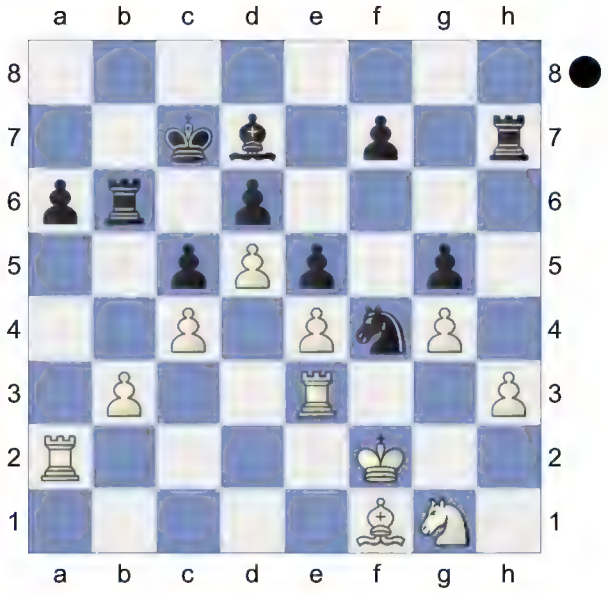
34.Qe1 h5 35.Rd2 Qxe1 36.Rxe1 Rh7 37.Bd1 Kg7 38.Re3 b5 39.axb6 Rb8 40.b3 Rxb6 41.Ra2 White is weak on the dark squares **41...Kf6 42.Kg3 Ke7 43.Kf2 Kd8 44.Be2 Kc7 45.Bf1?** -2.70/23

[45.Ra3∓ -0.33/24]

(Diagram)

45...hxg4!-+ 46.fxg4





Bxg4 47.Rg3 Bc8 48.Rxg5 Rxb3

[48...Bxh3 49.Ra3-+]

49.Rg8 Rh6

[49...Nxh3+ 50.Nxh3 Bxh3 51.Rxa6-+]

[49...Bxh3 50.Bxh3 Nxh3+ 51.Nxh3 Rhxh3 52.Kg2∓]

50.Rg3 Rb1

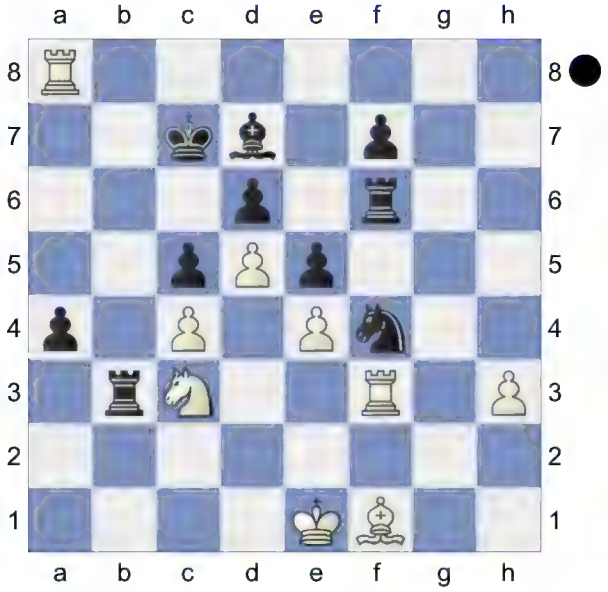
[50...Nxh3+ 51.Bxh3 Rf6+ 52.Kg2 Rxg3+ 53.Kxg3+-]

51.Raa3 Rf6 52.Raf3? -4.07/23

[52.Nf3 -2.31/19]

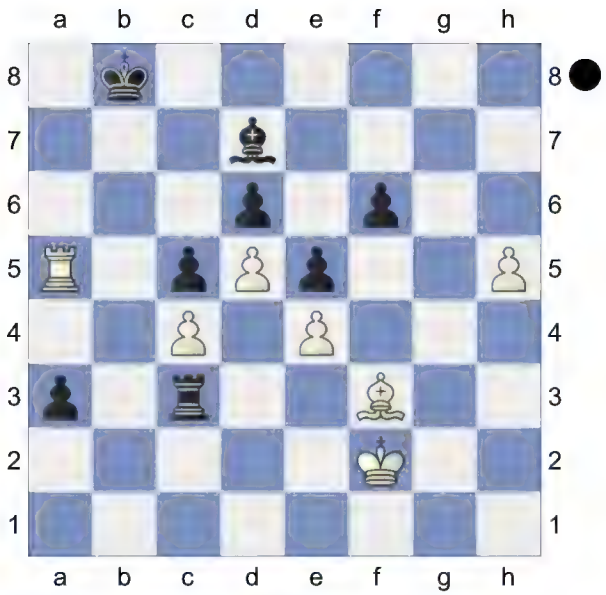
52...a5 53.Ne2 Rb2 Hoping for ...Bxh3!

54.Ke1 a4 55.Nc3 Bd7 56.Rg8 Rb3 -2.54/20
[⌓56...Rg6 -4.30/20 57.Rxg6 fxg6]
57.Ra8 -3.58/20
[⌓57.Kd2 -2.54/20]



57...Ng2+! Discovered Attack **58.Bxg2 Rxf3** Remove Defender **59.Bxf3** Black must now prevent Kd2. **59...Rxc3** Endgame. KRB-KRB **60.Ra7+ Kc8**
61.Kf2 a3
[61...Bxh3 62.Rxa4 Kb7 63.Be2∓]
[61...Rxc4 62.h4 f5 63.h5 fxe4 64.Be2-+]
62.h4 Kb8
[62...Rxc4 63.Rxa3 f5 64.h5 fxe4 65.Be2=]
63.Ra5 aiming for h5.
[63.Rxd7? a2 *(63...Rxc4 64.Rxd6 Kb7 65.Rd7+ Kb8 66.Rd8+ Kb7 67.Rg8±)* 64.Rd8+ Kb7 65.Rd7+ Kb6 66.Rxd6+ Ka5-+]
63...f6
[63...Rxc4 64.Rxa3 f5 65.h5 fxe4 66.Be2=]
64.h5

(Diagram)



Be8!
[64...Rxc4? 65.h6+-]
65.Bg4 Kb7 -1.00/20
[65...Rxc4 66.h6 Bg6 *(66...Rxe4? 67.h7+-)* 67.Rxa3 Rxe4 *(67...Bxe4 68.Ra6=)* 68.Be6∓]
[65...Kc7-+ -1.84/25 Threatens to win with ...Kb6! 66.Be2 *(66.h6 Bg6-+)* 66...Kb7]
66.h6 -2.06/22
[66.Bf3∓ -1.00/20 was worth a try.]
66...Bg6!
[66...Rxc4 67.h7 *(67.Rxa3 Bg6=)* 67...Rc3 68.h8Q *(68.h8R Bf7+-)* 68...Kb6 69.Ra8 c4 70.Qg7 *(70.Qxe8 Kc5 71.Qa4 Kd4 72.Bf5 Rb3 73.Qa7+ Kc3 74.Qe3+ Kb2 75.Qe2+ Kc3)* 70...Rc2+ 71.Be2 Rxe2+ 72.Kxe2]
67.Rb5+? -4.21/24
[67.Bf3 -2.16/21]
67...Kc7 68.Ra5 Bxe4 69.h7 -6.73/21
[⌓69.Ke1 -4.09/20]
69...Bxh7 Black is clearly winning.
70.Ra7+ Kb6 71.Rxh7 a2 72.Bc8 Ra3
[Stronger than 72...a1B 73.Rd7= *(73.Rb7+ Ka5±)*]
[72...a1N 73.Rb7+ Ka5 74.Ra7+

Kb4 75.Rxa1=]
73.Rb7+ Ka5 74.Rb5+ Ka4 75.Bd7 a1Q Weighted Error Value: White=0.28 (precise) /Black=0.13 (very precise)
[Not 75...a1B 76.Ke2∓]
0-1

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□ **Praggnanandhaa,R.** **2737**
■ **Erigaisi,Arjun** **2799**
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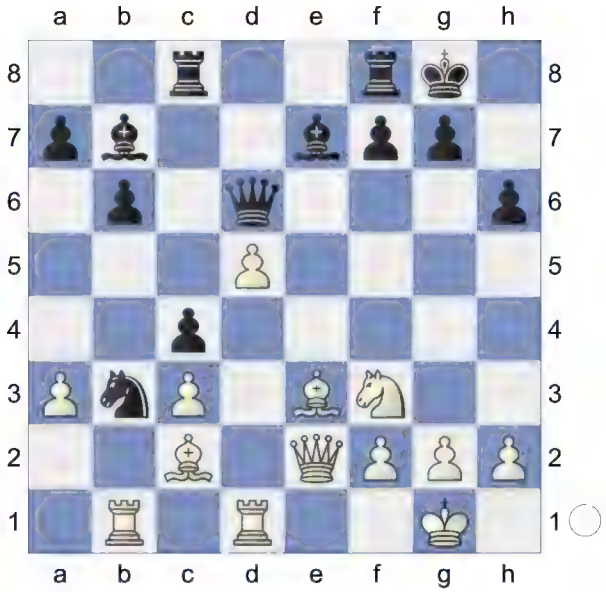
[Kitty Kat]

E12: Queen's Indian: Unusual White 4th moves, 4 a3, 4 Nc3 Bb7 5 a3 and 4 Nc3 Bb7 **1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.d4 e6 4.a3 Nf6 5.Nf3 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Qc2 Be7 8.e4 Nxc3 9.bxc3 0-0 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0 h6N**
[11...Qc8 12.Qa2 Rd8 13.Bf4 Ba6 14.Rad1 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 Nd7 16.Rfd1 Nf6 17.Bg5 h6 18.Bh4 cxd4 19.cxd4 Qb7 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.d5 exd5 22.exd5 Rd7 23.h3 Re8 3.♗b5 ♘f6 4.d3 ♗c5_3179-11...Rd8 12.h4 Na5 C222) 11...Qc5]
[11...Ba6 12.Bxa6 Nxa6 13.Rd1 cxd4 14.cxd4 Qc8 15.Qe2 Re8 16.Bb2 Qb7 17.Rd3 Rac8 18.Rad1 b5 19.Ne5 Bd6 20.d5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 f6 22.dxe6 Nc5 23.Rd7 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Nxe4 25.Bd4 a6 26.e7 ½-½ 12.♘e5 (2565)-Djuric,S (2615) 8/337 Dresden 1969]
[11...Qc7 12.Qe2 Nc6 *(12...Rd8 13.Bb2 Nd7 14.Rad1 c4 15.Bxc4 Bxe4 16.Qxe4 Qxc4* Petrosian System-8.bxc3! with 13.Rd1 - a reall*)* 13.d5 Na5 14.c4 Nb3 15.Rb1 Nxc1 16.Rfxc1 Rfe8 17.a4 Bf6 18.Qd2 Rab8 19.a5 g6 20.axb6 axb6 21.g3 Ba6 22.h4 exd5 23.exd5 Bc8 24.Kg2 Ra8 25.Rb3 Bg4 26.Ng5 1-0 Winckelmann,T (2194)-13.h5 ♘h5 14.♘d5 (1997) Lugano ol (Men) qual-E 1968]
12.Qe2 Nc6 13.Be3 Rc8 The position is equal. **14.Rfd1 Na5 15.d5** dxe6 would now be deadly. **15...c4 16.Bc2** Threatens to win with dxe6. **16...exd5 17.exd5 Nb3**
[17...Bxd5 18.Nd4+-]
18.Rab1 Qd6
[18...Bxd5 19.Ne5±]



Prevents Ne5 **19.Bf4!** Deflection **19...Qxf4 20.Qxe7→** White is up to no good. **20...Qb8** 1.86/19 Black cannot hold the game after this.
[20...Ba8± 0.49/22]
21.Qe4!+- g6 22.Qh4 1.46/20
[22.Qe3+- 1.87/23 Kg7 23.Bxb3 cxb3 24.Qd4+ *(24.Rxb3 Qd6±)* 24...f6 25.c4 *(25.Rxb3 Bxd5 26.Rbb1 Bxf3∓)*]
22...Kg7 1.89/18
[22...h5± 1.46/20 might work better.]
23.Bxb3 cxb3 24.Qd4+
[24.Rxb3 Qc7]
24...f6 25.c4!

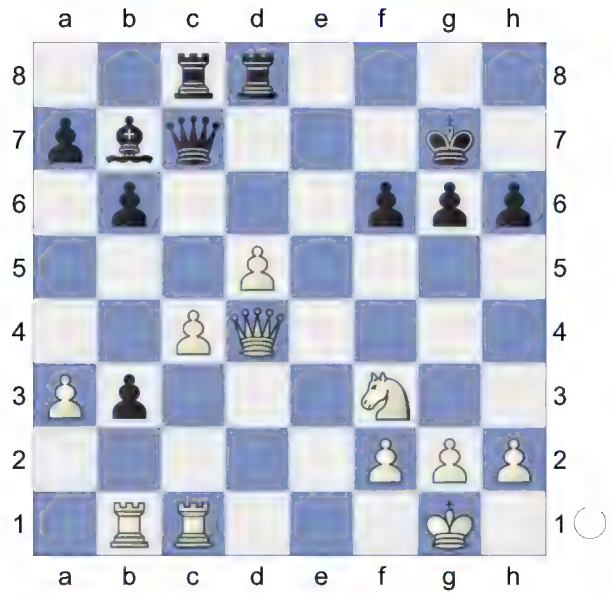
[25.Rxb3 Bxd5 26.Rbb1 *(26.Qxd5? Rfd8∓)* 26...Bxf3 27.gxf3 Qc7±]

25...Qc7 26.Rdc1

[26.Rxb3 Qxc4 27.Qxc4 Rxc4=]

26...Rfd8 2.20/20

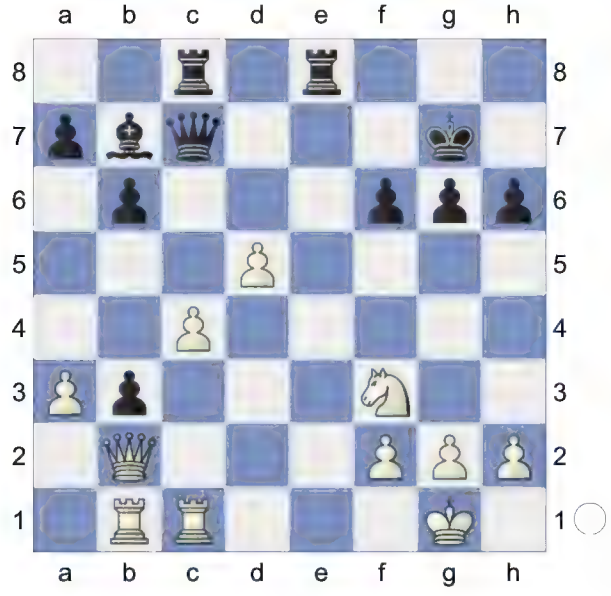
[26...Rfe8± 1.51/19]



27.Qb2!

[27.Rxb3 Bxd5 28.Qe3 Re8∓ *(28...Bxc4? 29.Rbc3-+)*]

27...Re8



28.Nd4! aiming for Ne6+.

[28.Qxb3 Bxd5 29.Qa4 Re4-+ *(29...Bxc4 30.Nd2=)*]

28...Qf4 2.80/22

[⌓28...Kg8 1.85/19]

29.Ne6+

[Inferior is 29.Nxb3 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 Qxc4∓]

29...Rxe6 30.dxe6 Qg4 3.29/21

[30...Qg5 2.29/21 keeps fighting. 31.g3 *(31.Qxb3? Qxg2#)* 31...Qg4]

31.f3

[31.Qxb3? Qxg2#]

31...Qxe6 32.Qxb3 Ba6 33.Re1 Qf7 34.Re3 Bxc4 35.Qb4 Rc7 36.Rbe1 White is clearly winning. **36...Qf8 37.Re7+ Rxe7 38.Rxe7+** Endgame. KQR-KQB **38...Bf7 39.Rxa7 Qd8 40.h4 h5 41.Rb7 Qd1+ 42.Kh2 Qd5 43.Rxb6 Qe5+ 44.Kg1 Bd5 45.Kf2 g5 46.Qb2 Qf4 47.Rb4 Qf5 48.hxg5 Qxg5 49.Qd4 Bf7 50.Rb7 h4 51.Qg4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.12 (very precise) /Black=0.46

1-0

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□ **Vidit,S.** **2739**

■ **Narayanan,SL.** **2647**

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[Kitty Kat]

D30: Queen's Gambit Declined: Systems without Nc3 **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.b3 d5 4.Bb2 c5**

[4...Be7 5.e3 *(5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.0-0 Bf6 10.Qc2 b6 11.Nxd5 exd5 12.d4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 cxd4 14.Rad1 Ba6 15.Nxd4 Rc8 16.Qb2 Qd6 17.Rfe1 Rfd8 18.e3 Qb4 19.Rd2 Bd3* ½-½ Kraus,T (2462)-Krasteva,B (2252) Arad op 17th 2024 (2)) 5...0-0 6.Qc2 c5 7.a3 Nc6 8.Bd3 d4

9.exd4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 cxd4 11.0-0 b6 12.Be2 Bb7 13.d3 Rc8 14.Nbd2 Nd5 15.Ne1 b5 16.Bf3 Qd7 17.b4 e5 18.Qb3 bxc4 19.Nxc4 0-1 Kurenny (2585)-10.dc5 ♗c5 11. ♗d2 (2675) South Open Wales 2009 (1)]

5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3N

[6.e3 Nc6 7.Bb5 *(7.Be2 Be6 8.0-0 Be7 9.d4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.Nd2 Qd7 12.N2f3 Ne4 13.a3 Bf6 14.b4 Rac8 15.Bb5 Qd6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.Nd2 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 Bd7 19.Nb3 Rb8 20.Bxf6 Qxf6 21.Rac1 Rb6* 1-0 Bergeron,M (2391)-5. ♗e2 00 6.00 ♗g4 7. ♗g5 (2129) WLS/Cong Inv ICCF email 2016 (2)*)* 7...Bd6 8.d4 0-0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.0-0 Bg4 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nc3 a6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.Rc1 Bd6 15.Ne2 Bxf3 16.gxf3 1.4) 1...Nf6 2.b3 e6-3...d5 4.c4 c5 #2]

6...Nc6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.d4 0-0 9.0-0 Ne4 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Nc3 Nxc3 13.Bxc3 White has an edge.

13...Rd8 14.Nd4

[14.Qd3 with more complications. Bg4 15.Rae1 Rac8 16.h3]

14...Bxd4 15.Bxd4 Bf5 16.Bb2 Qe6 17.Re1 Be4 18.f3 Bg6 19.Qd2 h5 20.Rac1 Rd7 21.b4 a6 22.a4 f6 23.Red1 Rad8 24.Bd4 Ne5 25.Qe2 Nc4 26.Re1 0.00/23

[26.a5± 0.37/19]

26...b5= 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ra1 Re8 29.Qa2 Rc7 30.Bf1 Kh7 31.Qf2 Rcc8 32.Ra7 Ra8 33.Rea1 Rxa7 34.Rxa7 Re7

[34...Kg8 feels hotter. 35.Qa2 Qf5 36.Kf2 Rc8]

35.Ra1 Qc6 36.h3 Qe8 37.Re1 Re6 38.g4 Ra6 39.Qg3 Ra2 40.g5 fxg5 41.Qxg5 Strongly threatening Bd3!

41...Qf8 42.Qxd5 Rd2 43.f4

[43.Qxb5 Qxf3]

43...Nxe3 Pin

[43...Qxb4 simplifies 44.Qc5 Qxc5 45.Bxc5 Rc2]

44.Qe5 -0.89/21

[44.Rxe3? Qxf4 *(44...Qxb4? 45.Bc5+-)* 45.Re2 Rxd4-+ *(45...Qxd4+ 46.Qxd4 Rxd4 47.Re5=)*]

[44.Bxg7= 0.00/23 remains equal. Qxb4 *(44...Nxd5 45.Bxf8 Nxf4 46.Re7+ Kg8 47.Bh6=)* 45.Qb7 Rg2+ *(45...Qxf4 46.Bf6+)* 46.Bxg2 Qxe1+ 47.Kh2 Nf1+ 48.Bxf1 Qf2+ 49.Bg2 Qxf4+ 50.Kh1 *(50.Kg1 Qe3+ 51.Kh2 Qf4+ 52.Kg1 Qe3+ 53.Kh2 Qf4+=)* 50...Qc1+ 51.Kh2 Qf4+ 52.Kh1 *(52.Kg1 Qe3+ 53.Kh2 Qf4+=)* 52...Qc1+ 53.Kh2 Qf4+]

44...Nxf1 0.00/28

[44...Nc2!∓ -0.89/21 45.Re4 Rd1 *(45...Nxb4? 46.Bc5+-* Discovered Attack, Double Attack*; 45...Bxe4 46.Bc3±)*]

45.Rxf1

[45.f5 seems wilder. Nh2 46.fxg6+ Kxg6 47.Qe6+]

45...Bf5 46.Rf2⇄ White is not holding back **46...Rd1+ 47.Kh2 Rd3 48.Rg2 Rxh3+ 49.Kg1 Bg4 50.Qe4+**

[50.Ra2 is more complex. Rg3+ 51.Kh2 Rf3 52.Ra7]

50...Kh8 51.f5 f6! would now be deadly.

51...Rf3

[51...Bxf5? 52.Qf4 *(52.Bxg7+ Qxg7 53.Qe8+ Kh7+-)* 52...Kg8 *(52...Qf7 53.Qh6+ Bh7 54.Rxg7)* 53.Rxg7+ Qxg7+ 54.Bxg7 Kxg7 55.Qxf5+-]

52.f6 gxf6 53.Ra2 -0.90/28

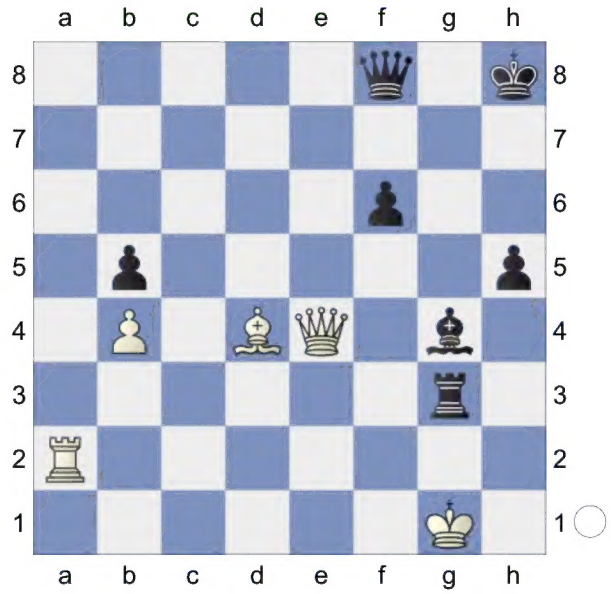
[53.Qg6∓ -0.36/23 Qg7 *(53...Qxb4 54.Bxf6+ Rxf6 55.Qxf6+ Kh7 56.Qe5±)* 54.Qe8+ Qg8 55.Qxb5]

53...Rg3+? 4.48/32

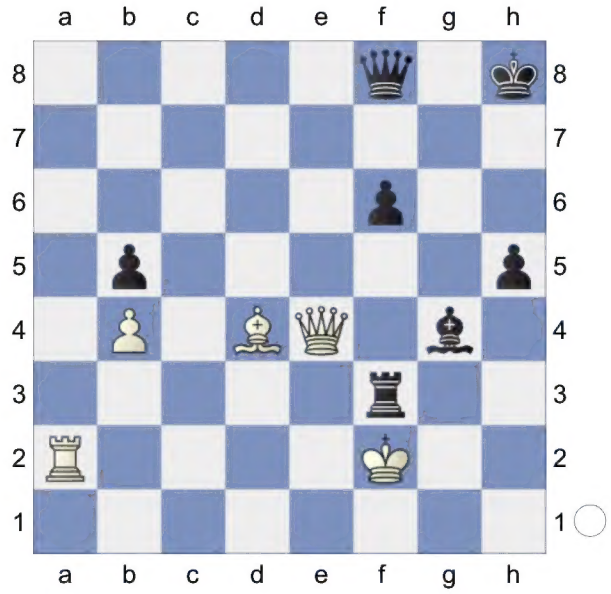
[53...Qxb4 54.Bxf6+ Rxf6 55.Qxb4+-]
[53...Qg7∓ -0.90/28 And now ...Bf5+ would win. 54.Rg2 Qc7]

54.Kf2!+- Rf3+ 55.Kg1? -1.11/24
[55.Kg2!+- 5.18/28]

55...Rg3+? 4.59/29
[55...Qxb4? 56.Bxf6+ Rxf6 57.Qxb4+-]
[55...Qg7∓ -1.11/24 stays on course. Hoping for ...Bf5+. 56.Rg2 Qc7]



56.Kf2! Rf3+



57.Kg2! Qg7 7.04/19 Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.35
[57...Qxb4? perishes. 58.Bxf6+ Discovered Attack Rxf6 59.Qxb4]
[⌓57...Kg7 4.53/21 58.Ra7+ Kh6 59.Qh7+ Kg5]

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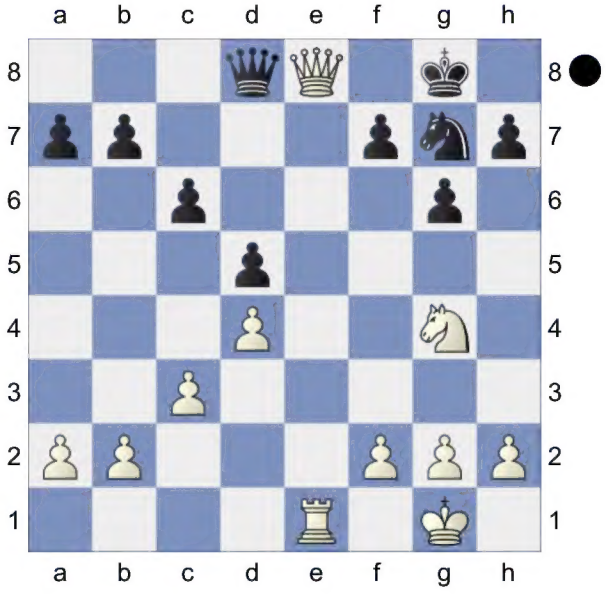
C67
□ **Nihal,Sarin** **2676**
■ **So,W.** **2747**
Tata Steel India Rapid (9) 15.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

C67: Ruy Lopez: Berlin Defence: 4 0-0 Nxe4 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 Nxe4 5.Re1 Nd6 6.Nxe5 Be7 7.Bf1 Nxe5 8.Rxe5 0-0 9.d4 Bf6 10.Re1 Re8 11.c3 Rxe1 12.Qxe1 Ne8 13.Bf4 d5 14.Bd3 The position is equal. 14...g6 15.Nd2 Ng7 16.Qe2 c6 17.Re1 Bf5 18.Bxf5 Nxf5 19.Nf3 Ng7 20.Be5 Ne6 21.Bxf6 Qxf6 22.Ne5 Re8 23.Ng4 Qd8 24.Qe5 Black must now prevent Nf6+. 24...Ng7 25.Qxe8+

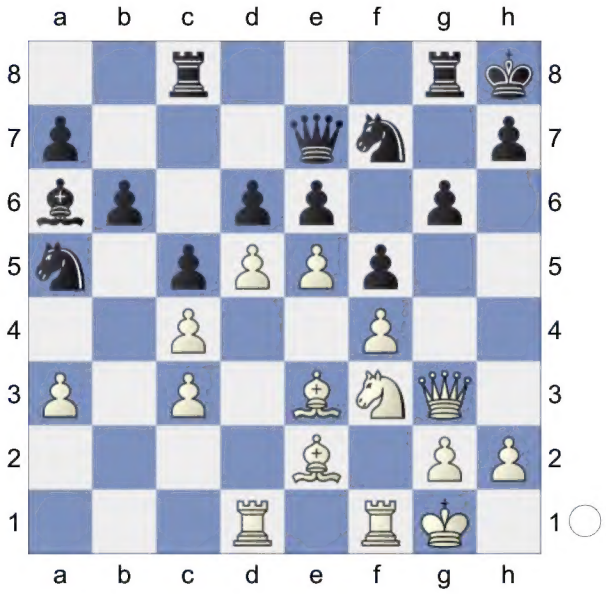


Decoy 25...Nxe8 26.Rxe8+
Remove Defender 26...Qxe8 27.Nf6+

Kf8 28.Nxe8 Kxe8 29.f4N f5 30.Kf2 A rather calm draw. Weighted Error Value: White=0.03 (flawless) /Black=0.02 (flawless)
½-½

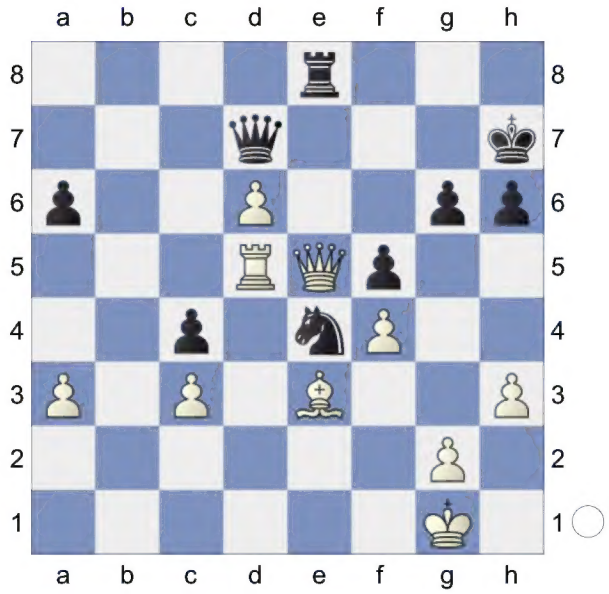
A13
□ **Abdusattorov,Nodirbek** **2777**
■ **Carlsen,M.** **2831**
Tata Steel India Rapid (9) 15.11.2024
[Kitty Kat]

A13: English Opening: 1...e6 RR: 'Inf 57/(6)' **1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.e4 c5 4.Qg4**
[4.f4 d6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 Nc6 8.b3 Bxc3 9.dxc3 Ne8 10.f5 exf5 11.exf5 Ne5 12.Bc2 Kamsky,G (2655)-Zarnicki,P (2470) Buenos Aires 1993]
4...g6N
[4...Kf8 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Qh4 d6 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 h6 9.d3 Rh7 10.Ne1 g5 11.Qg3 Nd4 12.Bd1 e5 13.h4 Ne6 14.Nc2 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Nf4 16.d4 Rg7 A 13/03-N,N 2000]
5.a3 Bxc3! 6.bxc3 Nc6 7.d3 d6 8.Qg3 White is slightly better. **8...Qe7 9.f4 f5** 0.65/21
[9...d5= 0.22/21 might be stronger.]
10.e5± Nh6 11.Nf3 Nf7 12.Be2 b6 13.0-0 Bb7 14.d4 0.36/18
[White should play 14.exd6± 0.84/19 Nxd6 15.Re1]
14...Na5 15.Be3 Rc8 16.Rad1 0.15/18
[16.Nd2± 0.55/20 should be considered.]
16...0-0 1.09/18
[16...Bxf3= 0.15/18 17.exd6 Nxd6 18.gxf3 Naxc4 *(18...Ndxc4 19.Bc1∓)*]
17.Nh4 0.13/18
[17.d5± 1.09/18]
17...Kh8= 18.d5 Rg8 19.Nf3 Ba6 1.47/20
[19...dxe5!= 0.27/17 remains equal. 20.Nxe5 *(20.fxe5 g5=)* 20...Rcd8]



20.Ng5 0.28/20
[20.dxe6?! Qxe6 21.Rfe1 Rcd8=]
[20.Rfe1!± 1.47/20]
20...exd5 21.Rxd5 With the idea exd6.
21...Bxc4 22.exd6 Qd7
[22...Nxd6? 23.Rxd6 *(23.Re5 Qd7∓)* 23...Rge8 *(23...Qxd6? 24.Bxc4 Rgf8 25.Nf7+ Rxf7 26.Bxf7+-; 23...Bxe2? 24.Re1+-)* 24.Bxc4 Nxc4 25.Re6+-]
23.Bxc4→ White is up to no good.
23...Nxc4 24.Rfd1 Rg7 0.58/23
[24...Nxa3? 25.Nxf7+ Qxf7 26.c4 *(26.d7 Rcd8+-)* 26...Nxc4 27.d7+-]
[24...Nfxd6? 25.Rxd6 Nxd6 26.Rxd6+-]
[24...Kg7= 0.16/22]
25.Bc1!±
[25.Nxf7+ Rxf7 26.Qf2 Qe6 *(26...Nxa3? loses. 27.Qe2±)* 27.Bd4+ cxd4=]
25...Re8 1.21/21

[25...Nxg5± 0.55/23 26.fxg5 Re8]
26.Qd3± Nxg5 27.Qxc4
[Of course not 27.fxg5?! Re4=]
27...Ne4 28.Qd3 c4 2.52/20 **29.Qxc4+- Rc8 30.Qd4 b5 31.Bb2** Strongly threatening c4! **31...Rc4 32.Qe5 a6 33.R1d4** a4! would now be deadly. **33...h6 34.Rxc4 bxc4** Black is weak on the dark squares **35.Bc1** aiming for Be3. **35...Kh7 36.Be3** Threatens to win with Bd4. **36...Rg8 37.h3 Re8**



38.Qxe8 0.00/31 **Qxe8=** The position is equal. **39.d7 Qd8** And now ...Nf6! would win. **40.Bd4 Qh4** Weighted Error Value: White=0.22 (precise) /Black=0.25 (precise)
½-½